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NOTICE.

The following is an extract from a Report issued by the Special Board for Mathematics on May 10, 1887. (See *Cambridge University Reporter* of May 31, 1887.)

“The majority of the Board are of opinion that the rigid adherence to Euclid’s text is prejudicial to the interests of education, and that greater freedom in the method of teaching Geometry is desirable. As it appears that this greater freedom cannot be attained while a knowledge of Euclid’s text is insisted upon in the Examinations of the University, they consider that such alterations should be made in the regulations of the Examinations as to admit other proofs besides those of Euclid, while following his general sequence of propositions, so that no proof of any proposition occurring in Euclid should be accepted in which a subsequent proposition in Euclid’s order is assumed.”

The Board gives effect to this view by proposing a change in the regulations for the Previous Examination which will, if it be approved by the Senate, enact that “the actual proofs of propositions as given in Euclid will not be required, but no proof of any proposition occurring in Euclid will be admitted in which use is made of any proposition which in Euclid’s order occurs subsequently.”

This determination to maintain Euclid’s order, and to allow any methods of proof consistent with that order, is in exact accordance with the plan and execution of my Edition of Euclid’s Elements.

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ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY

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BOOKS XI. AND XII. OF EUCLID*

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P R E F A C E.

To preserve Euclid's order, to supply omissions, to remove defects, to give short notes of explanation and simpler methods of proof in cases of acknowledged difficulty—such are the main objects of this Edition of the Elements.

The work is based on the Greek text, as it is given in the Editions of August and Peyrard. To the suggestions of the late Professor De Morgan, published in the *Companion to the British Almanack* for 1849, I have paid constant deference.

A limited use of symbolic representation, wherein the symbols stand for words and not for operations, is generally regarded as desirable, and it is certain that the symbols employed in this book are admissible in the Examinations at Oxford and Cambridge.

I have generally followed Euclid's method of proof, but not to the exclusion of other methods recommended by their simplicity, such as the demonstrations by which I propose to replace the difficult Theorems 5 and 7 in the First Book. I

have also attempted to render many of the proofs, as, for instance, those of Propositions 2, 13, and 35 in Book I., and those of 7, 8, and 13 in Book II., less confusing to the learner.

In Propositions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Second Book I have ventured to make an important change in Euclid's mode of exposition, by omitting the diagonals from the diagrams and the gnomons from the text.

In the Third Book I have deviated with even greater boldness from the precise line of Euclid's method. Thus I have given new proofs of the Propositions relating to the Contact of Circles: I have used Superposition to prove Propositions 26 to 29, so as to make each of those theorems independent of the others; and I have directed the attention of the learner to the Intersection of Loci, and to the conception of an Angle as a magnitude capable of unlimited increase.

In the Fourth Book I have made no change of importance.

My treatment of the Fifth Book was suggested by the method first proposed, explained, and defended by Professor De Morgan in his *Treatise on the Connexion of Number and Magnitude*. The method is simple and rigorous, presenting Euclid's

reasoning in a clear and concise form, by means of a system of notation, to which, I think, no valid objection can be taken. I have altered the order of the Propositions in this Book, so as to give prominence to those which are of chief importance.

The only changes in the Sixth Book to which I desire to call the reader's special attention, are the applications of Superposition in the proofs of Propositions 4 and 19.

The diagrams in Book XI. form an important feature of this Edition. For them I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Hugh Godfray, of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The Exercises have been selected with considerable care, chiefly from the University and College Examination Papers. They are intended to be progressive and easy, so that a learner may be induced from the first to work out something for himself.

A complete series of the Euclid Papers set in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos from 1848 to 1872 will be found on pp. 198-210 and 342-349.

I have made but little allusion to Projections, because that part of the subject is fully explained by Mr. Richardson in his work¹ on *Conic Sections treated Geometrically*, forming a part of RIVINGTON'S MATHEMATICAL SERIES.

During the two years in which I have been engaged on this work, I have received from Teachers of Geometry in all parts of the country so much encouragement to proceed, and so much assistance at each step of my progress, that I feel justified in asserting that no text-book on Elementary Geometry is likely to meet with general support in England, if it involve any wide departure from the Euclidean model.

It only remains for me to offer my thanks to the friends who have improved this work by their advice, and to assure each reader of the book that any suggestion for its further improvement will be thankfully received by me.

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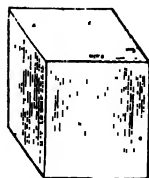
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ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

WHEN a block of stone is hewn from the rock, we call it a *Solid Body*. The stone-cutter shapes it, and brings it into that which we call *regularity of form*; and then it becomes a *Solid Figure*.

Now suppose the figure to be such that the block has six flat sides, each the exact counterpart of the others; so that, to one who stands facing a corner of the block, the three sides which are visible present the appearance represented in this diagram.



Each side of the figure is called a *Surface*; and when smoothed and polished, it is called a *Plane Surface*.

The sharp and well-defined edges, in which each pair of sides meets, are called *Lines*.

The place, at which any three of the edges meet, is called a *Point*.

A *Magnitude* is anything which is made up of parts in any way like itself. Thus, a line is a magnitude; because we may regard it as made up of parts which are themselves lines.

The properties Length, Breadth (or Width), and Thickness (or Depth or Height) of a body are called its *Dimensions*.

We make the following distinction between Solids, Surfaces, Lines, and Points:

A Solid has three dimensions, Length, Breadth, Thickness.

A Surface has two dimensions, Length, Breadth.

A Line has one dimension, Length.

A point has no dimensions.

BOOK I.

DEFINITIONS.

I. A **POINT** is that which has no parts.

This is equivalent to saying that a Point has no magnitude, since we define it as that which cannot be divided into smaller parts.

II. A **LINE** is length without breadth.

We cannot conceive a visible line without breadth; but we can reason about lines as if they had no breadth, and this is what Euclid requires us to do.

III. The **EXTREMITIES** of finite **LINES** are points.

A point marks *position*, as for instance, the place where a line begins or ends, or meets or crosses another line.

IV. A **STRAIGHT LINE** is one which lies in the same direction from point to point throughout its length.

V. A **SURFACE** is that which has length and breadth only.

VI. The **EXTREMITIES** of a **SURFACE** are lines.

VII. A **PLANE SURFACE** is one in which, if any two points be taken, the straight line between them lies wholly in that surface.

Thus the ends of an uncut cedar-pencil are plane surfaces; but the rest of the surface of the pencil is not a plane surface, since two points may be taken in it such that the *straight* line joining them will not lie on the surface of the pencil.

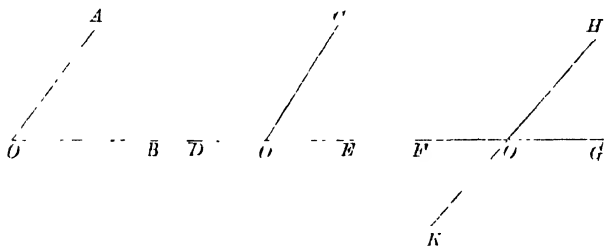
In our introductory remarks we gave examples of a Surface, a Line, and a Point, as we know them through the evidence of the senses.

The Surfaces, Lines, and Points of Geometry may be regarded as mental pictures of the surfaces, lines, and points which we know from experience.

It is, however, to be observed that Geometry requires us to conceive the possibility of the existence
of a Surface apart from a Solid body,
of a Line apart from a Surface
of a Point apart from a Line.

VIII. When two straight lines meet one another, the inclination of the lines to one another is called an **ANGLE**.

When *two* straight lines have one point common to both, they are said to *form* an angle (or angles) at that point. The point is called the *vertex* of the angle (or angles), and the lines are called the *arms* of the angle (or angles).

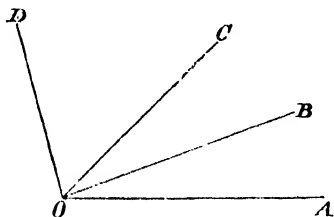


Thus, if the lines OA , OB are terminated at the same point O , they form an angle, which is called *the angle at O* , or *the angle AOB* , or *the angle BOA* ,—the letter which marks the vertex being put between those that mark the arms.

Again, if the line CO meets the line DE at a point in the line DE , so that O is a point common to both lines, CO is said to make with DE the angles COB , COE ; and these (as having one arm, CO , common to both) are called *adjacent* angles.

Lastly, if the lines FG , HK cut each other in the point O , the lines make with each other four angles FOH , HOG , GOK , KOF ; and of these GOK , FOH are called *vertically opposite* angles, as also are FOH and GOK .

When *three or more* straight lines as OA , OB , OC , OD have a point O common to all, the angle formed by one of them, OD ,



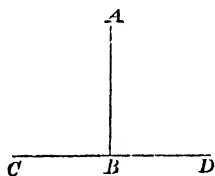
with OA may be regarded as being made up of the angles AOB , BOC , COD ; that is, we may speak of the angle AOD as a whole, of which the parts are the angles AOB , BOC , and COD .

Hence we may regard an angle as a *Magnitude*, inasmuch as any angle may be regarded as being made up of parts which are themselves angles.

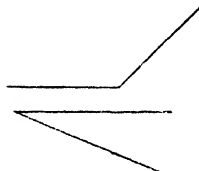
The size of an angle depends in no way on the length of the arms by which it is bounded.

We shall explain hereafter the restriction on the magnitude of angles enforced by Euclid's definition, and the important results that follow an extension of the definition.

IX. When a straight line (as AB) meeting another straight line (as CD) makes the adjacent angles (ABC and ABD) equal to one another, each of the angles is called a **RIGHT ANGLE**; and each line is said to be a **PERPENDICULAR** to the other.



X. An **OBTUSE ANGLE** is one which is greater than a right angle.



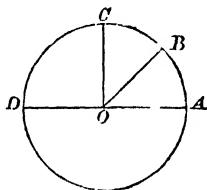
XI. An **ACUTE ANGLE** is one which is less than a right angle.

XII. A **FIGURE** is that which is enclosed by one or more boundaries.

XIII. A CIRCLE is a plane figure contained by one line, which is called the CIRCUMFERENCE, and is such, that all straight lines drawn to the circumference from a certain point (called the CENTRE) within the figure are equal to one another.

XIV. Any straight line drawn from the centre of a circle to the circumference is called a RADIUS.

XV. A DIAMETER of a circle is a straight line drawn through the centre and terminated both ways by the circumference.



Thus, in the diagram, O is the centre of the circle $ABCD$, OA , OB , OC , OD are Radii of the circle, and the straight line AOD is a Diameter. Hence the radius of a circle is half the diameter.

XVI. A SEMICIRCLE is the figure contained by a diameter and the part of the circumference cut off by the diameter.

XVII. RECTILINEAR figures are those which are contained by straight lines.

The PERIMETER, (or Periphery) of a rectilinear figure is the sum of its sides.

XVIII. A TRIANGLE is a plane figure contained by three straight lines.

XIX. A QUADRILATERAL is a plane figure contained by four straight lines.

XX. A POLYGON is a plane figure contained by more than four straight lines.

When a polygon has all its sides equal and all its angles equal it is called a *regular* polygon.

XXI. An **EQUILATERAL** Triangle is one which has all its sides equal.



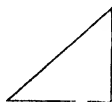
XXII. An **ISOSCELES** Triangle is one which has two sides equal.



The third side is often called the *base* of the triangle.

The term *base* is applied to any one of the sides of a triangle to distinguish it from the other two, especially when they have been previously mentioned.

XXIII. A **RIGHT-ANGLED** Triangle is one in which one of the angles is a right angle.



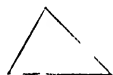
The side *subtending*, that is, *which is opposite* the right angle, is called the *Hypotenuse*.

XXIV. An **OBTUSE-ANGLED** Triangle is one in which one of the angles is obtuse.

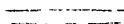


It will be shewn hereafter that a triangle can have only one of its angles either equal to, or greater than, a right angle.

XXV. An **ACUTE-ANGLED** Triangle is one in which **ALL** the angles are acute.



XXVI. **PARALLEL STRAIGHT LINES** are such as, being in the same plane, never meet when continually produced in both directions.



Euclid proceeds to put forward Six Postulates, or Requests, that he may be allowed to make certain assumptions on the construction of figures and the properties of geometrical magnitudes.

POSTULATES

Let it be granted—

I. That a straight line may be drawn from any one point to any other point.

II. That a terminated straight line may be produced to any length, in a straight line.

III. That a circle may be described from any centre at any distance from that centre.

IV. That all right angles are equal to one another.

V. That two straight lines cannot enclose a space.

VI. That if a straight line meet two other straight lines, so as to make the two interior angles on the same side of it, taken together, less than two right angles, these straight lines being continually produced shall at length meet upon that side, on which are the angles, which are together less than two right angles.

The word rendered "Postulates" is in the original *αἰτήματα*, "requests."

In the first three Postulates Euclid states the use, under certain restrictions, which he desires to make of certain instruments for the construction of lines and circles.

In Post. I. and II. he asks for the use of the straight ruler, wherewith to draw straight lines. The restriction is, that the ruler is not supposed to be marked with divisions so as to measure lines.

In Post. III. he asks for the use of a pair of compasses, wherewith to describe a circle, whose centre is at one extremity of a given line, and whose circumference passes through the other extremity of that line. The restriction is, that the compasses are not supposed to be capable of conveying distances.

Post. IV. and V. refer to simple geometrical facts, which Euclid desires to take for granted.

Post. VI. may, as we shall shew hereafter, be deduced from a more simple Postulate. The student must defer the consideration of this Postulate, till he has reached the 17th Proposition of Book I.

Euclid next enumerates, as statements of fact, nine Axioms

or, as he calls them, Common Notions, applicable (with the exception of the eighth) to all kinds of magnitudes, and not necessarily restricted, as are the Postulates, to *geometrical* magnitudes.

AXIOMS.

I. Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

II. If equals be added to equals, the wholes are equal.

III. If equals be taken from equals, the remainders are equal.

IV. If equals and unequals be added together, the wholes are unequal.

V. If equals be taken from unequals, or unequals from equals, the remainders are unequal.

VI. Things which are double of the same thing, or of equal things, are equal to one another.

VII. Things which are halves of the same thing, or of equal things, are equal to one another.

VIII. Magnitudes which coincide with one another are equal to one another.

IX. The whole is greater than its part.

With his Common Notions Euclid takes the ground of authority, saying in effect, "To my Postulates I request, to my Common Notions I claim, your assent."

Euclid develops the science of Geometry in a series of Propositions, some of which are called Theorems and the rest Problems, though Euclid himself makes no such distinction.

By the name *Theorem* we understand a truth, capable of demonstration or proof by deduction from truths previously admitted or proved.

By the name *Problem* we understand a construction, capable of being effected by the employment of principles of construction previously admitted or proved.

A *Corollary* is a Theorem or Problem easily deduced from, or effected by means of, a Proposition to which it is attached.

We shall divide the First Book of the Elements into three sections. The reason for this division will appear in the course of the work.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN BOOK I.

\therefore for because	\odot for circle
\thereforetherefore	\bigcirc ce.circumference
$=$is (or are) equal to	\parallelparallel
\angleangle	\squareparallelogram
Δtriangle	\perpperpendicular
equilat.equilateral	reqd.required
extr.exterior	rt.right
intr.interior	sq.square
pt.point	sq.squares
rectil.rectilinear	st.straight

It is well known that one of the chief difficulties with learners of Euclid is to distinguish between what is assumed, or given, and what has to be proved in some of the Propositions. To make the distinction clearer we shall put in *italics* the statements of what has to be done in a Problem, and what has to be proved in a Theorem. The last line in the proof of every Proposition states, that what had to be done or proved has been done or proved.

The letters Q. E. F. at the end of a Problem stand for *Quod erat faciendum*.

The letters Q. E. D. at the end of a Theorem stand for *Quod erat demonstrandum*.

In the marginal references :

Post. stands for Postulate.

Def. Definition.

Ax. Axiom.

I. 1. Book I. Proposition 1.

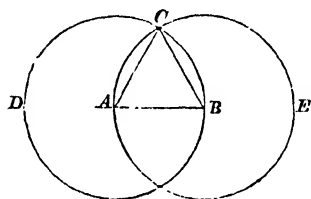
Hyp. stands for Hypothesis, *supposition*, and refers to something granted, or assumed to be true.

SECTION I.

On the Properties of Triangles.

PROPOSITION I. PROBLEM.

To describe an equilateral triangle on a given straight line.



Let AB be the given st. line.

It is required to describe an equilat. Δ on AB .

With centre A and distance AB describe $\odot BCD$. Post. 3.

With centre B and distance BA describe $\odot ACE$. Post. 3.

From the pt. C , in which the \odot s cut one another,
draw the st. lines CA , CB . Post. 1.

Then will ABC be an equilat. Δ .

For $\because A$ is the centre of $\odot BCD$,
 $\therefore AC = AB$. Def. 13.

And $\because B$ is the centre of $\odot ACE$,
 $\therefore BC = AB$. Def. 13.

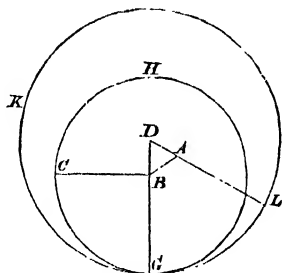
Now $\because AC, BC$ are each $= AB$,
 $\therefore AC = BC$. Ax. 1.

Thus AC, AB, BC are all equal, and an equilat. ΔABC
has been described on AB .

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION II. PROBLEM.

From a given point to draw a straight line equal to a given straight line.



Let A be the given pt., and BC the given st. line.

It is required to draw from A a st. line equal to BC.

From A to B draw the st. line AB . Post. 1.

On AB describe the equilat. ΔABD . I. 1.

With centre B and distance BC' describe $\odot CGH$. Post. 3.

Produce DB to meet the \bigcirc ce CGH in G .

With centre D and distance DG describe $\odot GKL$. Post. 3.

Produce $D.1$ to meet the \bigcirc ce GKL in L .

Then will $AL = BC$.

For $\because B$ is the centre of $\odot C'GH$,

$$\therefore BU = BG. \quad \text{Def. 13.}$$

And $\therefore D$ is the centre of $\odot GKL$,

$\therefore DL=DG$, Def. 13.

And parts of these, DA and DB , are equal. Def. 21.

\therefore remainder AL = remainder BG . Ax. 3.

But $BC=BG$;

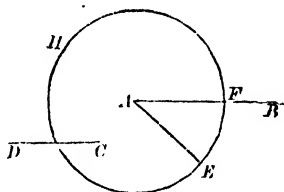
$$\therefore AL = BC. \quad \text{A.x. 1.}$$

Thus from pt. A a st. line AL has been drawn $= BC$.

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION III. PROBLEM.

From the greater of two given straight lines to cut off a part equal to the less.



Let AB be the greater of the two given st. lines AB , CD .

It is required to cut off from AB a part $= CD$.

From A draw the st. line $AE = CD$.

I. 2.

With centre A and distance AE describe $\odot EFH$,
cutting AB in F .

Then will $AF = CD$.

For $\because A$ is the centre of $\odot EFH$,

$\therefore AF = AE$.

But $AE = CD$;

$\therefore AF = CD$.

Ax. 1.

Thus from AB a part AF has been cut off $= CD$.

Q. E. F.

EXERCISES.

1. Shew that if straight lines be drawn from A and B in the diagram of Prop. I. to the other point in which the circles intersect, another equilateral triangle will be described on AB .

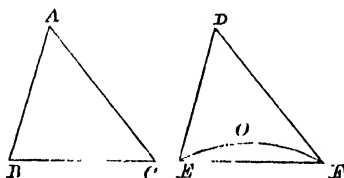
2. By a construction similar to that in Prop. III. produce the less of two given straight lines that it may be equal to the greater.

3. Draw a figure for the case in Prop. II., in which the given point coincides with B .

4. By a similar construction to that in Prop. I. describe on a given straight line an isosceles triangle, whose equal sides shall be each equal to another given straight line.

PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM.

If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other, each to each, and have likewise the angles contained by those sides equal to one another, they must have their third sides equal; and the two triangles must be equal, and the other angles must be equal, each to each, viz. those to which the equal sides are opposite.



In the Δ s ABC , DEF ,

let $AB=DE$, and $AC=DF$, and $\angle BAC=\angle EDF$.

Then must $BC=EF$ and $\Delta ABC=\Delta DEF$, and the other \angle s, to which the equal sides are opposite, must be equal, that is, $\angle ABC=\angle DEF$ and $\angle ACB=\angle DFE$.

For, if ΔABC be applied to ΔDEF ,

so that A coincides with D , and AB falls on DE ,

then $\because AB=DE$, $\therefore B$ will coincide with E .

And $\because AB$ coincides with DE , and $\angle BAC=\angle EDF$, Hyp.

$\therefore AC$ will fall on DF .

Then $\because AC=DF$, $\therefore C$ will coincide with F .

And $\because B$ will coincide with E , and C with F ,

$\therefore BC$ will coincide with EF ;

for if not, let it fall otherwise as EOF' : then the two st. lines BC , EF will enclose a space, which is impossible. Post. 5.

$\therefore BC$ will coincide with and \therefore is equal to EF , Ax. 8.

and ΔABC ΔDEF ,

and $\angle ABC$ $\angle DEF$,

and $\angle ACB$ $\angle DFE$.

Q. E. D.

NOTE 1. *On the Method of Superposition.*

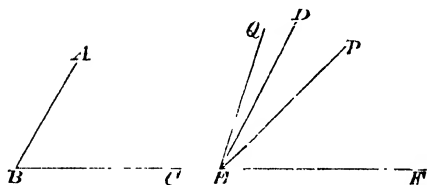
Two geometrical magnitudes are said, in accordance with Ax. VIII. to be *equal*, when they can be so placed that the boundaries of the one coincide with the boundaries of the other.

Thus, two straight lines are equal, if they can be so placed that the points at their extremities coincide : and two angles are equal, if they can be so placed that their vertices coincide in position and their arms in direction : and two triangles are equal, if they can be so placed that their sides coincide in direction and magnitude.

In the application of the test of equality by this *Method of Superposition*, we assume that an angle or a triangle may be moved from one place, turned over, and put down in another place, without altering the relative positions of its boundaries.

We also assume that if one part of a straight line coincide with one part of another straight line, the other parts of the lines also coincide in direction ; or, that straight lines, which coincide in two points, coincide when produced.

The method of Superposition enables us also to compare magnitudes of the same kind that are unequal. For example, suppose ABC and DEF to be two given angles.



Suppose the arm BC to be placed on the arm EF , and the vertex B on the vertex E .

Then, if the arm BA coincide in direction with the arm ED , the angle ABC is equal to DEF .

If BA fall between ED and EF in the direction EP , ABC is less than DEF .

If BA fall in the direction EQ so that ED is between EQ and EF , ABC is greater than DEF .

NOTE 2. *On the Conditions of Equality of two Triangles.*

A Triangle is composed of six parts, three sides and three angles.

When the six parts of one triangle are equal to the six parts of another triangle, each to each, the Triangles are said to be equal in all respects.

There are four cases in which Euclid proves that two triangles are equal in all respects ; viz., when the following parts are equal in the two triangles.

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| 1. Two sides and the angle between them. | I. 4. |
| 2. Two angles and the side between them. | I. 26. |
| 3. The three sides of each. | I. 8. |
| 4. Two angles and the side opposite one of them. | I. 26. |

The Propositions, in which these cases are proved, are the most important in our First Section.

The first case we have proved in Prop. iv.

Availing ourselves of the method of superposition, we can prove Cases 2 and 3 by a process more simple than that employed by Euclid, and with the further advantage of bringing them into closer connexion with Case 1. We shall therefore give three Propositions, which we designate A, B, and C, in the Place of Euclid's Props. v. vi. vii. viii.

The displaced Propositions will be found on pp. 106-112.

Proposition A corresponds with Euclid I. 5.

..... B I. 26, first part.

..... C I. 8.

PROPOSITION A. THEOREM.

If two sides of a triangle be equal, the angles opposite those sides must also be equal.

FIG. 1.

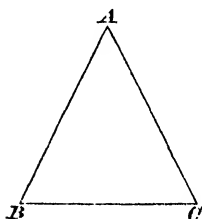
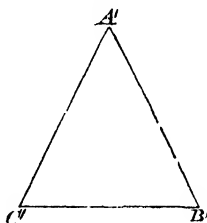


FIG. 2.



In the isosceles triangle ABC , let $AC = AB$. (Fig. 1.)

Then must $\angle ABC = \angle ACB$.

Imagine the $\triangle ABC$ to be taken up, turned round, and set down again in a reversed position as in Fig. 2, and designate the angular points A' , B' , C' .

Then in $\triangle s\ ABC, A'C'B'$,

$\because AB = A'C'$, and $AC = A'B'$, and $\angle BAC = \angle C'A'B'$,

$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle A'C'B'$. I. 4.

But $\angle A'C'B' = \angle ACB$;

$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle ACB$. Ax. 1.

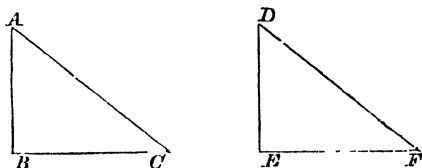
Q.E.D.

COR. Hence every equilateral triangle is also equiangular.

NOTE. When one side of a triangle is distinguished from the other sides by being called the *Base*, the angular point opposite to that side is called the *Vertex* of the triangle.

PROPOSITION B. THEOREM.

If two triangles have two angles of the one equal to two angles of the other, each to each, and the sides adjacent to the equal angles in each also equal; then must the triangles be equal in all respects.



In $\triangle s\ ABC,\ DEF,$

let $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$, and $BC = EF$.

Then must $AB = DE$, and $AC = DF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.

For if $\triangle DEF$ be applied to $\triangle ABC$, so that E coincides with B , and EF falls on BC ;

then $\because EF = BC$, $\therefore F$ will coincide with C ;

and $\because \angle DEF = \angle ABC$, $\therefore ED$ will fall on BA ;

$\therefore D$ will fall on BA or BA produced.

Again, $\because \angle DFE = \angle ACB$, $\therefore FD$ will fall on CA ;

$\therefore D$ will fall on CA or CA produced.

$\therefore D$ must coincide with A , the only pt. common to BA and CA .

$\therefore DE$ will coincide with and \therefore is equal to AB ,

and DF AC ,

and $\angle EDF$ $\angle BAC$,

and $\triangle DEF$ $\triangle ABC$;

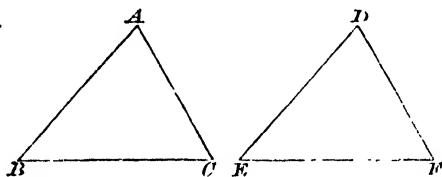
and \therefore the triangles are equal in all respects.

Q. E. D.

COR. Hence, by a process like that in Prop. A, we might prove Euclid's theorem (I. 6): *If two angles of a triangle be equal, the sides opposite those angles must also be equal.* But this method would assume Eucl. I. 26, and to keep Euclid's order we must take the proof given on p. 110.

PROPOSITION C. THEOREM.

If two triangles have the three sides of the one equal to the three sides of the other, each to each, the triangles must be equal in all respects.

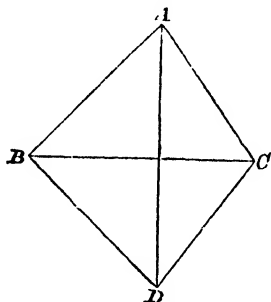


Let the three sides of the $\triangle s ABC, DEF$ be equal, each to each, that is, $AB=DE$, $AC=DF$, and $BC=EF$.

Then must the triangles be equal in all respects.

Imagine the $\triangle DEF$ to be turned over and applied to the $\triangle ABC$, in such a way that EF coincides with BC , and the vertex D falls on the side of BC opposite to the side on which A falls; and join AD .

CASE I. When AD passes through BC .



Then in $\triangle ABD$, $\because BD=BA$, $\therefore \angle BAD = \angle BDA$, I. A.

And in $\triangle ACD$, $\because CD=CA$, $\therefore \angle CAD = \angle CDA$, I. A.

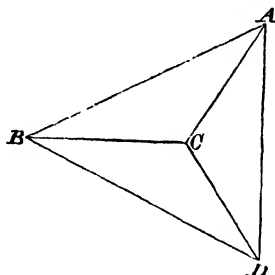
\therefore sum of $\angle s BAD, CAD$ = sum of $\angle s BDA, CDA$, Ax. 2.
that is, $\angle BAC = \angle BDC$.

Hence we see, referring to the original triangles, that

$$\angle BAC = \angle EDF.$$

, by Prop. 4, the triangles are equal in all respects.

CASE II. When the line joining the vertices does not pass through BC .



Then in $\triangle ABD$, $\because BD=BA$, $\therefore \angle BAD = \angle BDA$, I. A.

And in $\triangle ACD$, $\because CD=CA$, $\therefore \angle CAD = \angle CDA$, I. A.

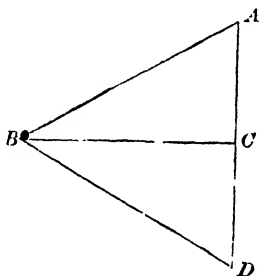
Hence since the whole angles BAD , BDA are equal.

and parts of these CAD , CDA are equal.

\therefore the remainders BAC , BDC are equal. Ax. 3.

Then, as in Case I., the equality of the original triangles may be proved.

CASE III. When AC and CD are in the same straight line.

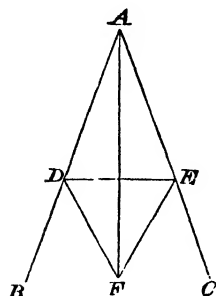


Then in $\triangle ABD$, $\because BD=BA$, $\therefore \angle BAD = \angle BDA$, I. A.
that is, $\angle BAC = \angle BDC$.

Then, as in Case I., the equality of the original triangles may be proved.

PROPOSITION IX. PROBLEM.

To bisect a given angle.



Let BAC be the given angle.

It is required to bisect $\angle BAC$.

In AB take any pt. D .

In AC make $AE = AD$, and join DE .

On DE , on the side remote from A , describe an equilat. $\triangle DFE$.

I. 1.

Join AF . Then AF will bisect $\angle BAC$.

For in $\triangle s AFD, AFE$,

$\therefore AD = AE$, and AF is common, and $FD = FE$,

$\therefore \angle DAF = \angle EAF$,

I. c.

that is, $\angle BAC$ is bisected by AF .

Q. E. F.

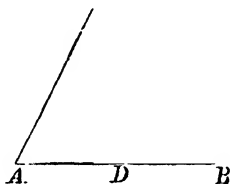
EX. 1. Shew that we can prove this Proposition by means of Prop. IV. and PROP. A., without applying Prop. C.

EX. 2. If the equilateral triangle, employed in the construction, be described with its vertex towards the given angle; shew that there is one case in which the construction will fail, and two in which it will hold good.

NOTE.—The line dividing an angle into two equal parts is called the **BISECTOR** of the angle.

PROPOSITION X. PROBLEM.

To bisect a given finite straight line.



Let AB be the given st. line.

It is required to bisect AB .

On AB describe an equilat. $\triangle ACB$. I. 1.

Bisect $\angle ACB$ by the st. line CD meeting AB in D ; I. 9.
then AB shall be bisected in D .

For in $\triangle s$ ACD , BCD ,

$\therefore AC=BC$, and CD is common, and $\angle ACD=\angle BCD$,

$\therefore AD=BD$; I. 4.

$\therefore AB$ is bisected in D .

Q. E. F.

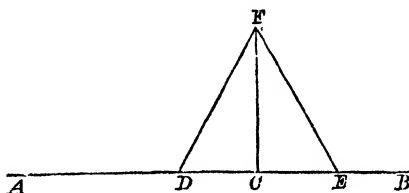
Ex. 1. The straight line, drawn to bisect the vertical angle of an isosceles triangle, also bisects the base.

Ex. 2. The straight line, drawn from the vertex of an isosceles triangle to bisect the base, also bisects the vertical angle.

Ex. 3. Produce a given finite straight line to a point, such that the part produced may be one-third of the line, which is made up of the whole and the part produced.

PROPOSITION XI. PROBLEM.

To draw a straight line at right angles to a given straight line from a given point in the same.



Let AB be the given st. line, and C a given pt. in it.

It is required to draw from C a st. line \perp to AB .

Take any pt. D in AC , and in CB make $CE = CD$.

On DE describe an equilat. $\triangle DFE$. I. 1.

Join FC . FC shall be \perp to AB .

For in $\triangle s DCF, ECF$,

$\therefore DC = CE$, and CF is common, and $FD = FE$,

$\therefore \angle DCF = \angle ECF$; I. c.

and $\therefore FC$ is \perp to AB . Def. 9.

Q. E. F.

COR. To draw a straight line at right angles to a given straight line AC from one extremity, C , take any point D in AC , produce AC to E , making $CE = CD$, and proceed as in the proposition.

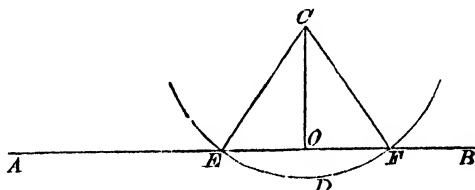
Ex. 1. Shew that in the diagram of Prop. 1x. AF and ED intersect each other at right angles, and that ED is bisected by AF .

Ex. 2. If O be the point in which two lines, bisecting AB and AC , two sides of an equilateral triangle, at right angles, meet; shew that OA, OB, OC are all equal.

Ex. 3. Shew that Prop. xi. is a particular case of Prop. 1x.

PROPOSITION XII. PROBLEM.

To draw a straight line perpendicular to a given straight line of an unlimited length from a given point without it.



Let AB be the given st. line of unlimited length ; C the given pt. without it.

It is required to draw from C a st. line \perp to AB .

Take any pt. D on the other side of AB .

With centre C and distance CD describe a \odot cutting AB in E and F .

Bisect EF in O , and join CE , CO , CF . I. 10.

Then CO shall be \perp to AB .

For in $\triangle s$ COE , COF ,

$\therefore EO = FO$, and CO is common, and $CE = CF$,

$\therefore \angle COE = \angle COF$; I. c.

$\therefore CO$ is \perp to AB . Def. 9.

Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. If the straight line were not of unlimited length, how might the construction fail ?

Ex. 2. If in a triangle the perpendicular from the vertex on the base bisect the base, the triangle is isosceles.

Ex. 3. The lines drawn from the angular points of an equilateral triangle to the middle points of the opposite sides are equal.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Props. I. to XII.

1. Draw a figure for Prop. II. for the case when the given point A is

(a) below the line BC and to the right of it.

(β) below the line BC and to the left of it.

2. Divide a given angle into four equal parts.

3. The angles B , C , at the base of an isosceles triangle, are bisected by the straight lines BD , CD , meeting in D ; shew that BDC is an isosceles triangle.

4. D , E , F are points taken in the sides BC , CA , AB , of an equilateral triangle, so that $BD=CE=AF$. Shew that the triangle DEF is equilateral.

5. In a given straight line find a point equidistant from two given points; 1st, on the same side of it; 2d, on opposite sides of it.

6. ABC is a triangle having the angle ABC acute. In BA , or BA produced, find a point D such that $BD=CD$.

7. The equal sides AB , AC , of an isosceles triangle ABC are produced to points F and G , so that $AF=AG$. BG and CF are joined, and H is the point of their intersection. Prove that $BH=CH$, and also that the angle at A is bisected by AH .

8. BAC , BDC are isosceles triangles, standing on opposite sides of the same base BC . Prove that the straight line from A to D bisects BC at right angles.

9. In how many directions may the line AE be drawn in Prop. III.?

10. The two sides of a triangle being produced, if the angles on the other side of the base be equal, shew that the triangle is isosceles.

11. ABC , ABD are two triangles on the same base AB and on the same side of it, the vertex of each triangle being outside the other. If $AC=AD$, shew that BC cannot $=BD$.

12. From C any point in a straight line AB , CD is drawn at right angles to AB , meeting a circle described with centre A and distance AB in D ; and from AD , AE is cut off $=AC$: shew that AEB is a right angle.

PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM.

The angles which one straight line makes with another upon one side of it are either two right angles, or together equal to two right angles.

Fig. 1.

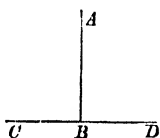
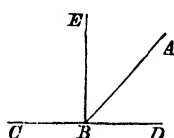


Fig. 2.



Let AB make with CD upon one side of it the \angle s ABC , ABD .

*Then must these be either two rt. \angle s,
or together equal to two rt. \angle s.*

First, if $\angle ABC = \angle ABD$ as in Fig. 1,

each of them is a rt. \angle .

Def. 9.

Secondly, if $\angle ABC$ be not $= \angle ABD$, as in Fig. 2,

from B draw $BE \perp$ to CD .

I. 11.

Then sum of \angle s ABC , ABD = sum of \angle s EBC , EBA , ABD ,
and sum of \angle s EBC , EBD = sum of \angle s EBC , EBA , ABD ;

\therefore sum of \angle s ABC , ABD = sum of \angle s EBC , EBD ;

Ax. 1.

\therefore sum of \angle s ABC , ABD = sum of a rt. \angle and a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore \angle$ s ABC , ABD are together = two rt. \angle s.

Q. E. D.

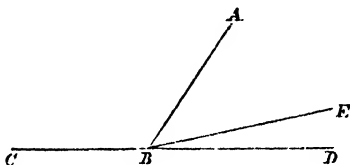
Ex. Straight lines drawn connecting the opposite angular points of a quadrilateral figure intersect each other in O . Shew that the angles at O are together equal to four right angles.

NOTE (1.) If two angles together make up a right angle, each is called the **COMPLEMENT** of the other. Thus, in fig. 2, $\angle ABD$ is the complement of $\angle ABE$.

(2.) If two angles together make up two right angles, each is called the **SUPPLEMENT** of the other. Thus, in both figures, $\angle ABD$ is the supplement of $\angle ABC$.

PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM.

If, at a point in a straight line, two other straight lines, upon the opposite sides of it, make the adjacent angles together equal to two right angles, these two straight lines must be in one and the same straight line.



At the pt. B in the st. line AB let the st. lines BC , BD , on opposite sides of AB , make $\angle s$ ABC , ABD together = two rt. angles.

Then BD must be in the same st. line with BC .

For if not, let BE be in the same st. line with BC .

Then $\angle s$ ABC , ABE together = two rt. $\angle s$. I. 13.

And $\angle s$ ABC , ABD together = two rt. $\angle s$. Hyp.

\therefore sum of $\angle s$ ABC , ABE = sum of $\angle s$ ABC , ABD .

Take away from each of these equals the $\angle ABC$;

then $\angle ABE = \angle ABD$, Ax. 3.

that is, the less = the greater; which is impossible,

$\therefore BE$ is not in the same st. line with BC .

Similarly it may be shewn that no other line but BD is in the same st. line with BC .

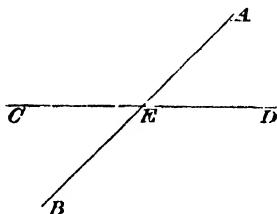
$\therefore BD$ is in the same st. line with BC .

Q. E. D.

Ex. Shew the necessity of the words *the opposite sides* in the enunciation.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM.

If two straight lines cut one another, the vertically opposite angles must be equal.



Let the st. lines AB , CD cut one another in the pt. E .

Then must $\angle AEC = \angle BED$ and $\angle AED = \angle BEC$.

For $\because AE$ meets CD ,

\therefore sum of \angle s AEC , $AED =$ two rt. \angle s. I. 13.

And $\because DE$ meets AB ,

\therefore sum of \angle s BED , $AED =$ two rt. \angle s; I. 13.

\therefore sum of \angle s AEC , $AED =$ sum of \angle s BED , AED ;

$\therefore \angle AEC = \angle BED$. Ax. 3.

Similarly it may be shewn that $\angle AED = \angle BEC$.

Q. E. D.

COROLLARY I. From this it is manifest, that if two straight lines cut one another, the four angles, which they make at the point of intersection, are together equal to four right angles.

COROLLARY II. All the angles, made by any number of straight lines meeting in one point, are together equal to four right angles.

Ex. 1. Shew that the bisectors of AED and BEC are in the same straight line.

Ex. 2. Prove that $\angle AED$ is equal to the angle between two straight lines drawn at right angles from E to AE and EC , if both lie above CD .

Ex. 3. If AB , CD bisect each other in E ; shew that the triangles AED , BEC are equal in all respects.

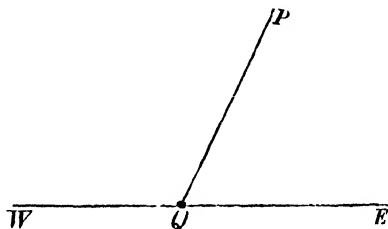
NOTE 3. *On Euclid's definition of an Angle.*

Euclid directs us to regard an angle as the inclination of two straight lines to each other, which meet, *but are not in the same straight line.*

Thus he does not recognise the existence of a single angle equal in magnitude to two right angles.

The words printed in italics are omitted as needless, in Def. viii., p. 3, and that definition may be extended with advantage in the following terms: -

DEF. Let WQE be a fixed straight line, and QP a line which revolves about the fixed point Q , and which at first coincides with QE .



Then, when QP has reached the position represented in the diagram, we say that it has described the angle EQP .

When QP has revolved so far as to coincide with QW , we say that it has described an angle *equal to two right angles.*

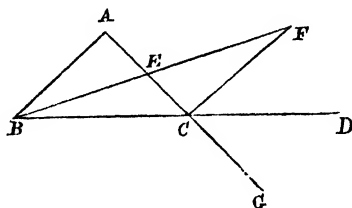
Hence we may obtain an easy proof of Prop. xiii. ; for whatever the position of PQ may be, the angles which it makes with WE are together equal to two right angles.

Again, in Prop. xv. it is evident that $\angle AED = \angle BEC$, since each has the same supplementary $\angle AEC$.

We shall shew hereafter, p. 149, how this definition may be extended, so as to embrace angles *greater than two right angles.*

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM.

If one side of a triangle be produced, the exterior angle is greater than either of the interior opposite angles.



Let the side BC of $\triangle ABC$ be produced to D .

Then must $\angle ACD$ be greater than either $\angle CAB$ or $\angle ABC$.

Bisect AC in E , and join BE . I. 10.

Produce BE to F , making $EF = BE$, and join FC .

Then in $\triangle s BEA, FEC$,

$\therefore BE = FE$, and $EA = EC$, and $\angle BEA = \angle FEC$, I. 15.

$\therefore \angle ECF = \angle EAB$. I. 4.

Now $\angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle ECF$; Ax. 9.

$\therefore \angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle EAB$,

that is, $\angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle CAB$.

Similarly, if AC be produced to G it may be shewn that

$\angle BCG$ is greater than $\angle ABC$.

and $\angle BCG = \angle ACD$; I. 15.

$\therefore \angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle ABC$.

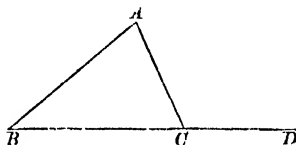
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. From the same point there cannot be drawn more than two equal straight lines to meet a given straight line.

Ex. 2. If, from any point, a straight line be drawn to a given straight line making with it an acute and an obtuse angle, and if, from the same point, a perpendicular be drawn to the given line; the perpendicular will fall on the side of the acute angle.

PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM.

Any two angles of a triangle are together less than two right angles.



Let ABC be any Δ .

Then must any two of its \angle s be together less than two rt. \angle s.

Produce BC to D .

Then $\angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle ABC$. I. 16.

$\therefore \angle$ s ACD, ACB are together greater than \angle s ABC, ACB .

But \angle s ACD, ACB together = two rt. \angle s. I. 13.

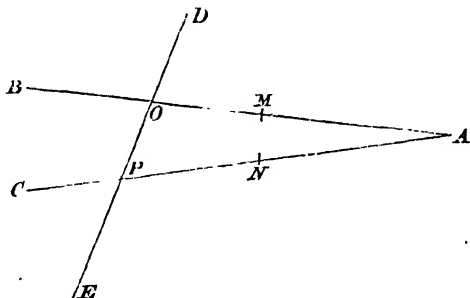
$\therefore \angle$ s ABC, ACB are together less than two rt. \angle s.

Similarly it may be shewn that \angle s ABC, BAC and also that \angle s BAC, ACB are together less than two rt. \angle s.

Q. E. D.

NOTE 4. *On the Sixth Postulate.*

We learn from Prop. XVII. that if two straight lines BM and CN , which meet in A , are met by another straight line DE in the points O, P ,



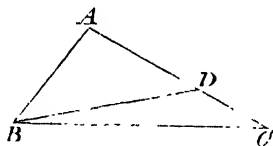
the angles MOP and NPO are together less than two right angles.

The Sixth Postulate asserts that if a line DE meeting two other lines BM, CN makes MOP, NPO , the two interior

angles on the same side of it, together less than two right angles, BM and CN shall meet if produced on the same side of DE on which are the angles MOP and NPO .

PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM.

If one side of a triangle be greater than a second, the angle opposite the first must be greater than that opposite the second.



In $\triangle ABC$, let side AC be greater than AB .

Then must $\angle ABC$ be greater than $\angle ACB$.

From AC cut off $AD = AB$, and join BD . I. 3.

Then $\because AB = AD$,

$\therefore \angle ADB = \angle ABD$, I. A.

And $\because CD$, a side of $\triangle BDC$, is produced to E .

$\therefore \angle ADB$ is greater than $\angle ACB$; I. 16.

\therefore also $\angle ABD$ is greater than $\angle ACB$.

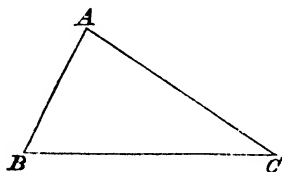
Much more is $\angle ABC$ greater than $\angle ACB$.

Q. E. D.

Ex. Shew that if two angles of a triangle be equal, the sides which subtend them are equal also (Eucl. I. 6).

PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM.

If one angle of a triangle be greater than a second, the side opposite the first must be greater than that opposite the second.



In $\triangle ABC$, let $\angle ABC$ be greater than $\angle ACB$.

Then must AC be greater than AB .

For if AC be not greater than AB ,

AC must either $= AB$, or be less than AB .

Now AC cannot $= AB$, for then

I. 4.

$\angle ABC$ would $= \angle ACB$, which is not the case.

And AC cannot be less than AB , for then

I. 18.

$\angle ABC$ would be less than $\angle ACB$, which is not the case ;

$\therefore AC$ is greater than AB .

Q. E. D.

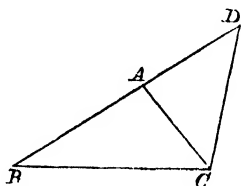
Ex. 1. In an obtuse-angled triangle, the greatest side is opposite the obtuse angle.

Ex. 2. BC , the base of an isosceles triangle BAC , is produced to any point D ; shew that AD is greater than AB .

Ex. 3. The perpendicular is the shortest straight line, which can be drawn from a given point to a given straight line ; and of others, that which is nearer to the perpendicular is less than one more remote.

PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM.

Any two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third side.



Let ABC be a Δ .

Then any two of its sides must be together greater than the third side.

Produce BA to D , making $AD = AC$, and join DC .

Then $\because AD = AC$,

$\therefore \angle ACD = \angle ADC$, that is, $\angle BDC$. I. A.

Now $\angle BCD$ is greater than $\angle ACD$;

$\therefore \angle BCD$ is also greater than $\angle BDC$;

$\therefore BD$ is greater than BC . I. 19.

But $BD = BA$ and AD together;

that is, $BD = BA$ and AC together;

$\therefore BA$ and AC together are greater than BC .

Similarly it may be shewn that

AB and BC together are greater than AC ,

and BC and CA AB .

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Prove that any three sides of a quadrilateral figure are together greater than the fourth side.

Ex. 2. Shew that any side of a triangle is greater than the difference between the other two sides.

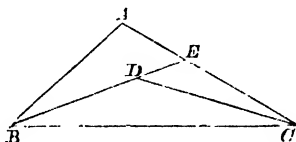
Ex. 3. Prove that the sum of the distances of any point from the angular points of a quadrilateral is greater than half the perimeter of the quadrilateral.

Ex. 4. If one side of a triangle be bisected, the sum of the two other sides shall be more than double of the line joining the vertex and the point of bisection.

S. E.

PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM.

If, from the ends of the side of a triangle, there be drawn two straight lines to a point within the triangle; these will be together less than the other sides of the triangle, but will contain a greater angle.



Let ABC be a \triangle , and from D , a pt. in the \triangle , draw st. lines to B and C .

*Then will BD , DC together be less than BA , AC ,
but $\angle BDC$ will be greater than $\angle BAC$.*

Produce BD to meet AC in E .

Then BA , AE are together greater than BE . I. 20.

Add to each EC .

Then BA , AC are together greater than BE , EC .

Again, DE , EC are together greater than DC . I. 20.

Add to each BD .

Then BE , EC are together greater than BD , DC .

And it has been shewn that BA , AC are together greater than BE , EC ;

$\therefore BA$, AC are together greater than BD , DC .

Next, $\because \angle BDC$ is greater than $\angle DEC$, I. 16.

and $\angle DEC$ is greater than $\angle BAC$, I. 16.

$\therefore \angle BDC$ is greater than $\angle BAC$.

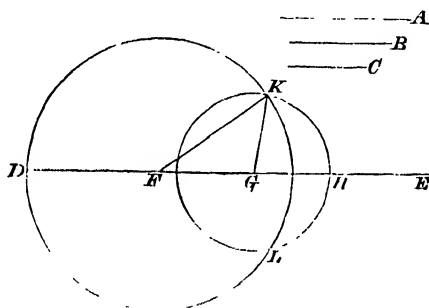
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Upon the base AB of a triangle ABC is described a quadrilateral figure $ADEB$, which is entirely within the triangle. Shew that the sides AC , CB of the triangle are together greater than the sides AD , DE , EB of the quadrilateral.

Ex. 2. Shew that the sum of the straight lines, joining the angles of a triangle with a point within the triangle, is less than the perimeter of the triangle, and greater than half the perimeter.

PROPOSITION XXII. PROBLEM.

To make a triangle, of which the sides shall be equal to three given straight lines, any two of which are together greater than the third.



Let A, B, C be the three given lines, any two of which are together greater than the third.

It is required to make a \triangle having its sides $= A, B, C$ respectively.

Take a st. line DE of unlimited length.

In DE make $DF=A, FG=B$, and $GH=C$. I. 3.

With centre F and distance FD , describe $\odot DKL$.

With centre G and distance GH , describe $\odot HKL$.

Join FK and GK .

Then $\triangle KFG$ has its sides $= A, B, C$ respectively.

For $FK=FD$; Def. 13.

$\therefore FK=A$;

and $GK=GH$; Def. 13.

$\therefore GK=C$;

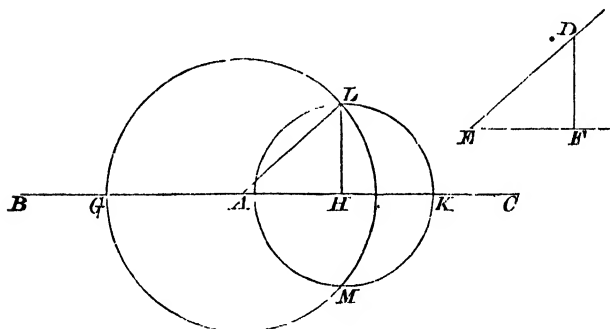
and $FG=B$;

\therefore a $\triangle KFG$ has been described as reqd. Q. E. F.

Ex. Draw an isosceles triangle having each of the equal sides double of the base

PROPOSITION XXIII. PROBLEM.

At a given point in a given straight line, to make an angle equal to a given angle.



Let A be the given pt., BC the given line, DEF the given \angle .

It is reqd. to make at pt. A an angle $= \angle DEF$.

In ED , EF take any pts. D , F ; and join DF .

In AB , produced if necessary, make $AG = DE$.

In AC , produced if necessary, make $AH = EF$.

In HC , produced if necessary, make $HK = FD$.

With centre A , and distance AG , describe $\odot GLM$.

With centre H , and distance HK , describe $\odot LKM$.

Join AL and HL .

Then $\because LA = AG, \therefore LA = DE$; Ax. 1.

and $\because HL = HK, \therefore HL = FD$. Ax. 1.

Then in $\triangle s LAH, DEF$,

$\because LA = DE$, and $AH = EF$, and $HL = FD$;

$\therefore \angle LAH = \angle DEF$. I. c.

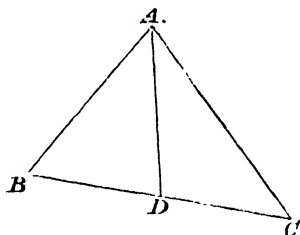
\therefore an angle LAH has been made at pt. A as was reqd.

Q. E. F.

NOTE.—We here give the proof of a theorem, necessary to the proof of Prop. XXIV. and applicable to several propositions in Book III.

PROPOSITION D. THEOREM.

Every straight line, drawn from the vertex of a triangle to the base, is less than the greater of the two sides, or than either, if they be equal.



In the $\triangle ABC$, let the side AC be not less than AB .

Take any pt. D in BC , and join AD .

Then, must AD be less than AC .

For $\because AC$ is not less than AB ;

$\therefore \angle ABD$ is not less than $\angle ACD$. I. A. and 18.

But $\angle ADC$ is greater than $\angle ABD$; I. 16.

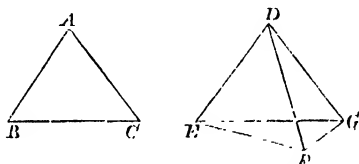
$\therefore \angle ADC$ is greater than $\angle ACD$;

$\therefore AC$ is greater than AD . I. 19.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM.

If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other, each to each, but the angle contained by the two sides of one of them greater than the angle contained by the two sides equal to them of the other; the base of that which has the greater angle must be greater than the base of the other.



In the $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF ,
 let $AB=DE$ and $AC=DF$,
 and let $\angle BAC$ be greater than $\angle EDF$.
 Then must BC be greater than EF .

Of the two sides DE , DF let DE be not greater than DF .*

At pt. D in st. line ED make $\angle EDG = \angle BAC$, I. 23.
 and make $DG=AC$ or DF , and join EG , GF .

Then $\because AB=DE$, and $AC=DG$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDG$,

$\therefore BC=EG$, I. 4.

Again,

$\because DG=DF$,
 $\therefore \angle DFG = \angle DGF$; I. A.

$\therefore \angle EFG$ is greater than $\angle DGF$;

much more then $\angle EFG$ is greater than $\angle EGF$;

$\therefore EG$ is greater than EF . I. 19.

But $EG=BC$;

$\therefore BC$ is greater than EF .

Q. E. D.

* This line was added by Simson to obviate a defect in Euclid's proof. Without this condition, three distinct cases must be discussed. With the condition, we can prove that F must lie below EG .

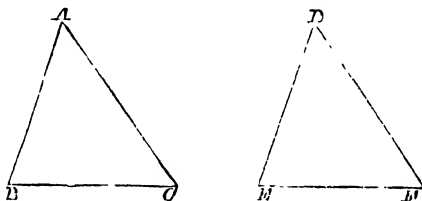
For since DF is not less than DE , and DG is drawn equal to DF , DG is not less than DE .

Hence by Prop. D, any line drawn from D to meet EG is less than DG , and therefore DF , being equal to DG , must extend beyond EG .

For another method of proving the Proposition, see p. 113.

PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM.

If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other, each to each, but the base of the one greater than the base of the other; the angle also, contained by the sides of that which has the greater base, must be greater than the angle contained by the sides equal to them of the other.



In the \triangle s ABC , DEF ,
 let $AB=DE$ and $AC=DF$,
 and let BC be greater than EF .

Then must $\angle BAC$ be greater than $\angle EDF$.

For $\angle BAC$ is greater than, equal to, or less than $\angle EDF$.

Now $\angle BAC$ cannot $= \angle EDF$,

for then, by 1. 4, BC would $= EF$; which is not the case.

And $\angle BAC$ cannot be less than $\angle EDF$,

for then, by 1. 24, BC would be less than EF ; which is not the case;

$\therefore \angle BAC$ must be greater than $\angle EDF$.

Q. E. D.

NOTE.—In Prop. xxvi. Euclid includes two cases, in which two triangles are equal in all respects; viz., when the following parts are equal in the two triangles:

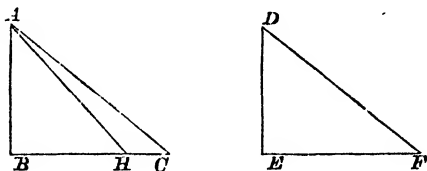
1. Two angles and the side between them.
2. Two angles and the side opposite one of them.

Of these we have already proved the first case, in Prop. 8, so that we have only the second case left, to form the subject of Prop. xxvi., which we shall prove by the method of superposition.

For Euclid's proof of Prop. xxvi., see pp. 114-115.

PROPOSITION XXVI THEOREM.

If two triangles have two angles of the one equal to two angles of the other, each to each, and one side equal to one side, those sides being opposite to equal angles in each; then must the triangles be equal in all respects.



In $\triangle s\ ABC, DEF$,

let $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$, and $AB = DE$.

Then must $BC = EF$, and $AC = DF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.

Suppose $\triangle DEF$ to be applied to $\triangle ABC$,

so that D coincides with A , and DE falls on AB .

Then $\because DE = AB$, $\therefore E$ will coincide with B ;

and $\because \angle DEF = \angle ABC$, $\therefore EF$ will fall on BC .

Then must F coincide with C : for, if not,

let F fall between B and C , at the pt. H . Join AH .

Then $\because \angle AHB = \angle DFE$, I. 4.

$\therefore \angle AHB = \angle ACB$,

the extr. $\angle =$ the intr. and opposite \angle , which is impossible.

$\therefore F$ does not fall between B and C .

Similarly, it may be shewn that F does not fall on BC produced.

$\therefore F$ coincides with C , and $\therefore BC = EF$;

$\therefore AC = DF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$, I. 4.

and \therefore the triangles are equal in all respects.

Q. E. D.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Props. I. to XXVI.

1. M is the middle point of the base BC of an isosceles triangle ABC , and N is a point in AC . Shew that the difference between MB and MN is less than that between AB and AN .

2. ABC is a triangle, and the angle at A is bisected by a straight line which meets BC at D ; shew that BA is greater than BD , and CA greater than CD .

3. AB, AC are straight lines meeting in A , and D is a given point. Draw through D a straight line cutting off equal parts from AB, AC .

4. Draw a straight line through a given point, to make equal angles with two given straight lines which meet.

5. A given angle BAC is bisected; if CA be produced to G and the angle BAG bisected, the two bisecting lines are at right angles.

6. Two straight lines are drawn to the base of a triangle from the vertex, one bisecting the vertical angle, and the other bisecting the base. Prove that the latter is the greater of the two lines.

7. Shew that Prop. xvii. may be proved without producing a side of the triangle.

8. Shew that Prop. xviii. may be proved by means of the following construction: cut off $AD=AB$, draw AE , bisecting $\angle BAC$ and meeting BC in E , and join DE .

9. Shew that Prop. xx. can be proved, without producing one of the sides of the triangle, by bisecting one of the angles.

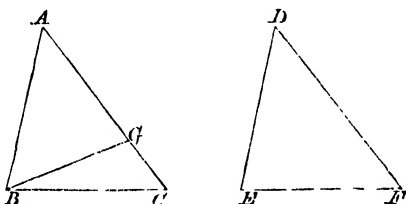
10. Given two angles of a triangle and the side adjacent to them, construct the triangle.

11. Shew that the perpendiculars, let fall on two sides of a triangle from any point in the straight line bisecting the angle contained by the two sides, are equal.

We conclude Section I. with the proof (omitted by Euclid) of another case in which two triangles are equal in all respects.

PROPOSITION E. THEOREM.

If two triangles have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and the sides about a second angle in each equal: then, if the third angles in each be both acute, both obtuse, or if one of them be a right angle, the triangles are equal in all respects.



In the $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF , let $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$, $AB = DE$, $BC = EF$, and let $\angle s$ ACB , DFE be both acute, both obtuse, or let one of them be a right angle.

Then must $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF be equal in all respects.

For if AC be not $= DF$, make $AG = DF$; and join BG .

Then in $\triangle s$ BAG , EDF ,

$\therefore BA = ED$, and $AG = DF$, and $\angle BAG = \angle EDF$,

$\therefore BG = EF$ and $\angle AGB = \angle DFE$. I. 4.

But $BC = EF$, and $\therefore BG = BC$;

$\therefore \angle BCG = \angle BGC$. I. A.

First, let $\angle ACB$ and $\angle DFE$ be both acute,

then $\angle AGB$ is acute, and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is obtuse; I. 13.

$\therefore \angle BCG$ is obtuse, which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Next, let $\angle ACB$ and $\angle DFE$ be both obtuse,

then $\angle AGB$ is obtuse, and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is acute; I. 13.

$\therefore \angle BCG$ is acute, which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Lastly, let one of the third angles ACB , DFE be a right angle.

If $\angle ACB$ be a rt. \angle ,

then $\angle BGC$ is also a rt. \angle ; I. A.

$\therefore \angle$ s BCG , BGC together = two rt. \angle s, which is impossible. I. 17.

Again, if $\angle DFE$ be a rt. \angle ,

then $\angle AGB$ is a rt. \angle , and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is a rt. \angle . I. 13.

Hence $\angle BCG$ is also a rt. \angle .

$\therefore \angle$ s BCG , BGC together = two rt. \angle s, which is impossible. I. 17.

Hence AC is equal to DF ,

and the Δ s ABC , DEF are equal in all respects.

Q. E. D.

COR. From the first case of this proposition we deduce the following important theorem:

If two right-angled triangles have the hypotenuse and one side of the one equal respectively to the hypotenuse and one side of the other, the triangles are equal in all respects.

NOTE. In the enunciation of Prop. E, if, instead of the words *if one of them be a right angle*, we put the words *both right angles*, this case of the proposition would be identical with I. 23

SECTION II.

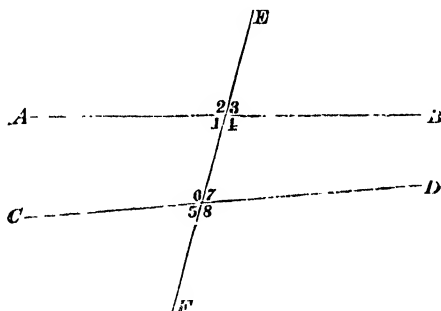
The Theory of Parallel Lines.

INTRODUCTION.

WE have detached the Propositions, in which Euclid treats of Parallel Lines, from those which precede and follow them in the First Book, in order that the student may have a clearer notion of the difficulties attending this division of the subject, and of the way in which Euclid proposes to meet them.

We must first explain some technical terms used in this Section.

If a straight line EF cut two other straight lines AB , CD , it makes with those lines eight angles, to which particular names are given.



The angles numbered 1, 4, 6, 7 are called *Interior* angles
 2, 3, 5, 8 *Exterior*.....

The angles marked 1 and 7 are called *alternate* angles.

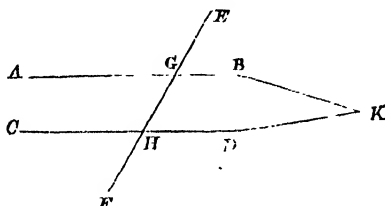
The angles marked 4 and 6 are also called *alternate* angles.

The pairs of angles 1 and 5, 2 and 6, 4 and 8, 3 and 7 are called *corresponding* angles.

NOTE. From I. 13 it is clear that the angles 1, 4, 6, 7 are together equal to four right angles.

PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM.

If a straight line, falling upon two other straight lines, make the alternate angles equal to one another; these two straight lines must be parallel.



Let the st. line EF , falling on the st. lines AB , CD ,
make the alternate \angle s AGH , GHD equal.

Then must AB be \parallel to CD .

For if not, AB and CD will meet, if produced, either towards B , D , or towards A , C .

Let them be produced and meet towards B , D in K .

Then GHK is a Δ ;

and $\therefore \angle AGH$ is greater than $\angle GHD$. I. 16.

But $\angle AGH = \angle GHD$, Hyp.

which is impossible.

$\therefore AB$, CD do not meet when produced towards B , D .

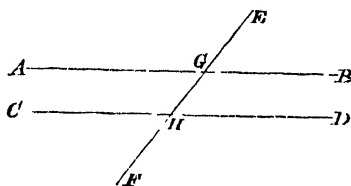
In like manner it may be shewn that they do not meet when produced towards A , C .

$\therefore AB$ and CD are parallel. Def. 26.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM.

If a straight line, falling upon two other straight lines, make the exterior angle equal to the interior and opposite upon the same side of the line, or make the interior angles upon the same side together equal to two right angles; the two straight lines are parallel to one another.



Let the st. line EF , falling on st. lines AB , CD , make

I. $\angle EGB =$ corresponding $\angle GHD$, or

II. $\angle s\ BGH, GHD$ together = two rt. $\angle s$.

Then, in either case, AB must be \parallel to CD .

I. $\because \angle EGB$ is given = $\angle GHD$, Hyp.

and $\angle EGB$ is known to be = $\angle AGH$, I. 15.

$\therefore \angle AGH = \angle GHD$;

and these are alternate $\angle s$;

$\therefore AB$ is \parallel to CD . I. 27.

II. $\because \angle s\ BGH, GHD$ together = two rt. $\angle s$, Hyp.

and $\angle s\ BGH, AGH$ together = two rt. $\angle s$, I. 13.

$\therefore \angle s\ BGH, AGH$ together = $\angle s\ BGH, GHD$ together;

$\therefore \angle AGH = \angle GHD$;

$\therefore AB$ is \parallel to CD . I. 27.

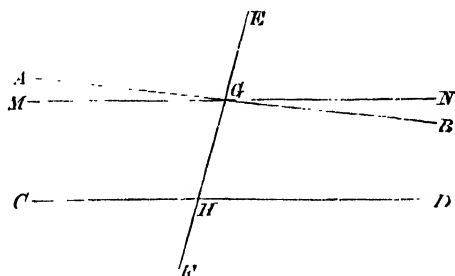
NOTE 5. On the Sixth Postulate.

In the place of Euclid's Sixth Postulate many modern writers on Geometry propose, as more evident to the senses, the following Postulate:—

“Two straight lines which cut one another cannot BOTH be parallel to the same straight line.”

If this be assumed, we can prove Post. 6, as a Theorem, thus:

Let the line EF falling on the lines AB , CD make the \angle s BGH , GHD together less than two rt. \angle s. Then must AB , CD meet when produced towards B , D .



For if not, suppose AB and CD to be parallel.

Then $\therefore \angle$ s AGH , $BGHI$ together = two rt. \angle s, I. 13.

and \angle s GHD , $BGHI$ are together less than two rt. \angle s,

$\therefore \angle$ AGH is greater than \angle GHD .

Make \angle $MGH = \angle$ GHD , and produce MG to N .

Then \therefore the alternate \angle s MGH , GHD are equal,

$\therefore MN$ is \parallel to CD . I. 27.

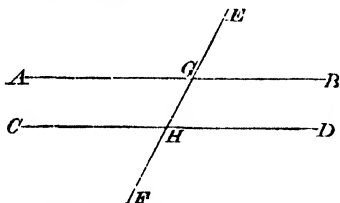
Thus two lines MN , AB which cut one another are both parallel to CD , which is impossible.

$\therefore AB$ and CD are not parallel.

It is also clear that they meet towards B , D , because GB lies between GN and HL .

PROPOSITION XXIX. THEOREM.

If a straight line fall upon two parallel straight lines, it makes the two interior angles upon the same side together equal to two right angles, and also the alternate angles equal to one another, and also the exterior angle equal to the interior and opposite upon the same side.



Let the st. line EF fall on the parallel st. lines AB , CD .

Then must

I. $\angle s$ BGI , GHD together = two rt. $\angle s$.

II. $\angle AGH$ = alternate $\angle GHD$.

III. $\angle EGB$ = corresponding $\angle GHD$.

I. $\angle s$ BGI , GHD cannot be together less than two rt. $\angle s$,
for then AB and CD would meet if produced towards
 B and D , Post. 6.

which cannot be, for they are parallel.

Nor can $\angle s$ BGI , GHD be together greater than two
rt. $\angle s$,

for then $\angle s$ AGH , GHC would be together less than
two rt. $\angle s$, I. 13.

and AB , CD would meet if produced towards A and C
Post. 6

which cannot be, for they are parallel,

$\therefore \angle s$ BGI , GHD together = two rt. $\angle s$.

II. $\therefore \angle s$ BGI , GHD together = two rt. $\angle s$,
and $\angle s$ BGI , AGH together = two rt. $\angle s$, I. 13.

$\therefore \angle s$ BGI , AGH together = $\angle s$ BGI , GHD together,
and $\therefore \angle AGH = \angle GHD$. Ax. 3.

III. $\therefore \angle AGH = \angle GHD$,
and $\angle AGH = \angle EGB$, I. 15.

$\therefore \angle EGB = \angle GHD$. Ax. 1.

Q. E. D.

EXERCISES.

1. If through a point, equidistant from two parallel straight lines, two straight lines be drawn cutting the parallel straight lines; they will intercept equal portions of the parallel lines.

2. If a straight line be drawn, bisecting one of the angles of a triangle, to meet the opposite side; the straight lines drawn from the point of section, parallel to the other sides and terminated by those sides, will be equal.

3. If any straight line joining two parallel straight lines be bisected, any other straight line, drawn through the point of bisection to meet the two lines, will be bisected in that point.

NOTE. One Theorem (A) is said to be the *converse* of another Theorem (B), when the hypothesis in (A) is the conclusion in (B), and the conclusion in (A) is the hypothesis in (B).

For example, the Theorem I. A. may be stated thus :

Hypothesis. If two sides of a triangle be equal.

Conclusion. The angles opposite those sides must also be equal.

The converse of this is the Theorem I. B. Cor. :

Hypothesis. If two angles of a triangle be equal.

Conclusion. The sides opposite those angles must also be equal.

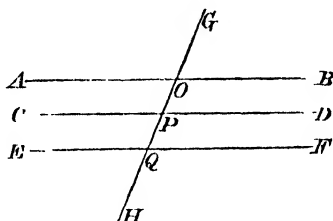
The following are other instances :

Postulate VI. is the converse of I. 17.

I. 29 is the converse of I. 27 and 28.

PROPOSITION XXX. THEOREM.

Straight lines which are parallel to the same straight line are parallel to one another.



Let the st. lines AB , CD be each \parallel to EF .

Then must AB be \parallel to CD .

Draw the st. line GH , cutting AB , CD , EF in the pts. O , P , Q .

Then $\because GH$ cuts the \parallel lines AB , EF ,

$\therefore \angle AOP = \text{alternate } \angle PQF$. I. 29.

And $\because GH$ cuts the \parallel lines CD , EF ,

$\therefore \text{extr. } \angle OPD = \text{intr. } \angle PQF$; I. 29.

$\therefore \angle AOP = \angle OPD$;

and these are alternate angles;

$\therefore AB$ is \parallel to CD I. 27.

Q. E. D.

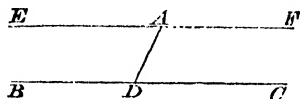
The following Theorems are important. They admit of easy proof, and are therefore left as Exercises for the student.

1. If two straight lines be parallel to two other straight lines, each to each, the first pair make the same angles with one another as the second.

2. If two straight lines be perpendicular to two other straight lines, each to each, the first pair make the same angles with one another as the second.

PROPOSITION XXXI. PROBLEM.

To draw a straight line through a given point parallel to a given straight line.



Let A be the given pt. and BC the given st. line.

It is required to draw through A a st. line \parallel to BC .

In BC take any pt. D , and join AD .

Make $\angle DAE = \angle ADC$. I. 23.

Produce EA to F . Then EF shall be \parallel to BC .

For $\because AD$, meeting EF and BC , makes the alternate angles equal, that is, $\angle FAD = \angle ADC$,

$\therefore EF$ is \parallel to BC . I. 27.

\therefore a st. line has been drawn through $A \parallel$ to BC .

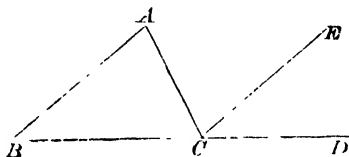
Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. From a given point draw a straight line, to make an angle with a given straight line that shall be equal to a given angle.

Ex. 2. Through a given point A draw a straight line ABC , meeting two parallel straight lines in B and C , so that BC may be equal to a given straight line.

PROPOSITION XXXII. THEOREM.

If a side of any triangle be produced, the exterior angle is equal to the two interior and opposite angles, and the three interior angles of every triangle are together equal to two right angles.



Let ABC be a Δ , and let one of its sides, BC , be produced to D .

Then will

I. $\angle ACD = \angle s\ ABC, BAC$ together.

II. $\angle s\ ABC, BAC, ACB$ together = two rt. $\angle s$.

From C draw $CE \parallel$ to AB .

I. 31.

Then I. $\because BD$ meets the $\parallel s\ EC, AB$,

\therefore extr. $\angle ECD =$ intr. $\angle ABC$.

I. 29.

And $\because AC$ meets the $\parallel s\ EC, AB$,

$\therefore \angle ACE =$ alternate $\angle BAC$.

I. 29.

$\therefore \angle s\ ECD, ACE$ together = $\angle s\ ABC, BAC$ together ;

$\therefore \angle ACD = \angle s\ ABC, BAC$ together.

And II. $\because \angle s\ ABC, BAC$ together = $\angle ACD$,

to each of these equals add $\angle ACB$;

then $\angle s\ ABC, BAC, ACB$ together = $\angle s\ ACD, ACB$ together,

$\therefore \angle s\ ABC, BAC, ACB$ together = two rt. $\angle s$. I. 13.

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. In an acute-angled triangle, any two angles are greater than the third.

Ex. 2. The straight line, which bisects the external vertical angle of an isosceles triangle is parallel to the base.

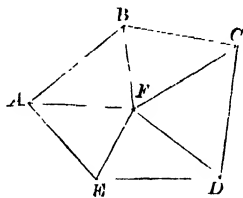
Ex. 3. If the side BC of the triangle ABC be produced to D , and AE be drawn bisecting the angle BAC and meeting BC in E ; shew that the angles ABD , ACD are together double of the angle AED .

Ex. 4. If the straight lines bisecting the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle be produced to meet; shew that they will contain an angle equal to an exterior angle at the base of the triangle.

Ex. 5. If the straight line bisecting the external angle of a triangle be parallel to the base; prove that the triangle is isosceles.

The following Corollaries to Prop. 32 were first given in Simson's Edition of Euclid.

COR. 1. *The sum of the interior angles of any rectilinear figure together with four right angles is equal to twice as many right angles as the figure has sides.*



Let $ABCDE$ be any rectilinear figure.

Take any pt. F within the figure, and from F draw the straight lines FA , FB , FC , FD , FE to the angular pts. of the figure

Then there are formed as many Δ s as the figure has sides.

The three \angle s in each of these Δ s together = two rt. \angle s.

\therefore all the \angle s in these Δ s together = twice as many right \angle s as there are Δ s, that is, twice as many right \angle s as the figure has sides.

Now angles of all the Δ s = \angle s at A , B , C , D , E and \angle s at F ,

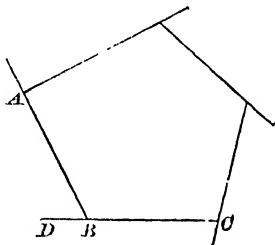
that is, = \angle s of the figure and \angle s at F ,

and \therefore = \angle s of the figure and four rt. \angle s. I. 15. Cor. 2.

\therefore \angle s of the figure and four rt. \angle s = twice as many rt. \angle s as the figure has sides.

COR. 2. *The exterior angles of any convex rectilinear figure, made by producing each of its sides in succession, are together equal to four right angles.*

Every interior angle, as ABC , and its adjacent exterior angle, as ABD , together are = two rt. \angle s.



\therefore all the intr. \angle s together with all the extr. \angle s
= twice as many rt. \angle s as the figure has sides.

But all the intr. \angle s together with four rt. \angle s
= twice as many rt. \angle s as the figure has sides.

\therefore all the intr. \angle s together with all the extr. \angle s
= all the intr. \angle s together with four rt. \angle s.

\therefore all the extr. \angle s = four rt. \angle s.

NOTE: The latter of these corollaries refers only to *convex* figures, that is, figures in which every interior angle is less than two right angles. When a figure contains an angle greater



than two right angles, as the angle marked by the dotted line in the diagram, this is called a *reflex angle*. See p. 149.

EX. 1. The exterior angles of a quadrilateral made by producing the sides successively are together equal to the interior angles.

Ex. 2. Prove that the interior angles of a hexagon are equal to eight right angles.

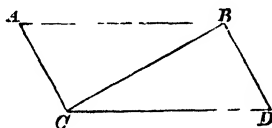
Ex. 3. Shew that the angle of an equiangular pentagon is $\frac{6}{5}$ of a right angle.

Ex. 4. How many sides has the rectilinear figure, the sum of whose interior angles is double that of its exterior angles?

Ex. 5. How many sides has an equiangular polygon, four of whose angles are together equal to seven right angles?

PROPOSITION XXXIII. THEOREM.

The straight lines which join the extremities of two equal and parallel straight lines, towards the same parts, are also themselves equal and parallel.



Let the equal and \parallel st. lines AB , CD be joined towards the same parts by the st. lines AC , BD .

Then must AC and BD be equal and \parallel .

Join BC .

Then $\because AB$ is \parallel to CD ,

$\therefore \angle ABC = \text{alternate } \angle DCB.$ I. 29.

Then in Δ s ABC , BCD ,

$\because AB = CD$, and BC is common, and $\angle ABC = \angle DCB$,

$\therefore AC = BD$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DBC.$ I. 4.

Then $\because BC$, meeting AC and BD ,

makes the alternate \angle s ACB , DBC equal,

$\therefore AC$ is \parallel to BD .

Miscellaneous Exercises on Sections I. and II.

1. If two exterior angles of a triangle be bisected by straight lines which meet in O ; prove that the perpendiculars from O on the sides, or the sides produced, of the triangle are equal.

2. Trisect a right angle.

3. The bisectors of the three angles of a triangle meet in one point.

4. The perpendiculars to the three sides of a triangle drawn from the middle points of the sides meet in one point.

5. The angle between the bisector of the angle BAC of the triangle ABC and the perpendicular from A on BC , is equal to half the difference between the angles at B and C .

6. If the straight line AD bisect the angle at A of the triangle ABC , and BDE be drawn perpendicular to AD , and meeting AC , or AC produced, in E ; shew that BD is equal to DE .

7. Divide a right-angled triangle into two isosceles triangles.

8. AB, CD are two given straight lines. Through a point E between them draw a straight line GEH , such that the intercepted portion GH shall be bisected in E .

9. The vertical angle O of a triangle OPQ is a right, acute, or obtuse angle, according as OR , the line bisecting PQ , is equal to, greater or less than the half of PQ .

10. Shew by means of Ex. 9 how to draw a perpendicular to a given straight line from its extremity without producing it.

SECTION III.

On the Equality of Rectilinear Figures in respect of Area.

THE amount of space enclosed by a Figure is called the Area of that figure.

Euclid calls two figures *equal* when they enclose the same amount of space. They may be dissimilar in shape, but if the areas contained within the boundaries of the figures be the same, then he calls the figures *equal*. He regards a triangle, for example, as a figure having sides and angles and area, and he proves in this section that two triangles may have equality of area, though the sides and angles of each may be unequal.

Coincidence of their boundaries is a test of the equality of all geometrical magnitudes, as we explained in Note 1, page 14.

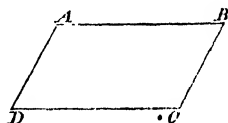
In the case of lines and angles it is the only test; in the case of *figures* it is a test, but not the only test; as we shall shew in this Section.

The sign =, standing between the symbols denoting two figures, must be read *is equal in area to*.

Before we proceed to prove the Propositions included in this Section, we must complete the list of Definitions required in Book I., continuing the numbers prefixed to the definitions in page 6

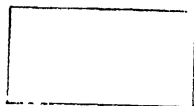
DEFINITIONS.

XXVII. A PARALLELOGRAM is a four-sided figure whose opposite sides are parallel.



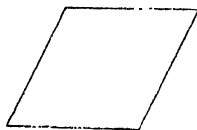
For brevity we often designate a parallelogram by two letters only, which mark opposite angles. Thus we call the figure in the margin the parallelogram AC .

XXVIII. A Rectangle is a parallelogram, having one of its angles a right angle.

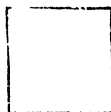


Hence by I. 29, *all* the angles of a rectangle are right angles.

XXIX. A RHOMBUS is a parallelogram, having its sides equal.



XXX. A SQUARE is a parallelogram, having its sides equal and one of its angles a right angle.



Hence, by I. 29, *all* the angles of a square are right angles.

XXXI. A TRAPEZIUM is a four-sided figure of which two sides only are parallel.

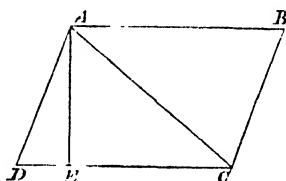


XXXII. A DIAGONAL of a four-sided figure is the straight line joining two of the opposite angular points.

XXXIII. The ALTITUDE of a Parallelogram is the perpendicular distance of one of its sides from the side opposite, regarded as the Base.

The altitude of a triangle is the perpendicular distance of one of its angular points from the side opposite, regarded as the base.

Thus if $ABCD$ be a parallelogram, and AE a perpendicular let fall from A to CD , AE is the altitude of the parallelogram, and also of the triangle ACD .



If a perpendicular be let fall from B to DC produced, meeting DC in F , BF is the altitude of the parallelogram.

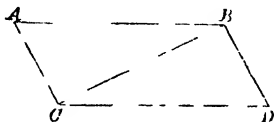
EXERCISES.

Prove the following theorems :

1. The diagonals of a square make with each of the sides an angle equal to half a right angle.
2. If two straight lines bisect each other, the lines joining their extremities will form a parallelogram.
3. Straight lines bisecting two adjacent angles of a parallelogram intersect at right angles.
4. If the straight lines joining two opposite angular points of a parallelogram bisect the angles, the parallelogram has all its sides equal.
5. If the opposite angles of a quadrilateral be equal, the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.
6. If two opposite sides of a quadrilateral figure be equal to one another, and the two remaining sides be also equal to one another, the figure is a parallelogram.
7. If one angle of a rhombus be equal to two-thirds of two right angles, the diagonal drawn from that angular point divides the rhombus into two equilateral triangles.

PROPOSITION XXXIV. THEOREM.

The opposite sides and angles of a parallelogram are equal to one another, and the diagonal bisects it.



Let $ABDC$ be a \square , and BC a diagonal of the \square .

Then must $AB=DC$ and $AC=DB$,

and $\angle BAC = \angle CDB$, and $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$

and $\triangle ABC = \triangle DCB$.

For $\because AB$ is \parallel to CD , and BC meets them,

$\therefore \angle ABC = \text{alternate } \angle DCB$, I. 29.

and $\because AC$ is \parallel to BD , and BC meets them,

$\therefore \angle ACB = \text{alternate } \angle DBC$. I. 29.

Then in $\triangle s$ ABC , DCB ,

$\because \angle ABC = \angle DCB$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DBC$,

and BC is common, a side adjacent to the equal $\angle s$ in each ;

$\therefore AB=DC$, and $AC=DB$, and $\angle BAC = \angle CDB$,

and $\triangle ABC = \triangle DCB$. I. B.

Also $\because \angle ABC = \angle DCB$, and $\angle DBC = \angle ACB$,

$\therefore \angle s$ ABC , DBC together $= \angle s$ DCB , ACB together,

that is, $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$.

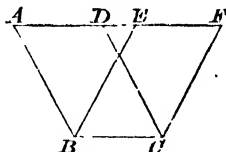
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

Ex. 2. Shew that the diagonals of a rectangle are equal.

PROPOSITION XXXV. THEOREM.

Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels are equal.



Let the \square s $ABCD$, $EBCF$ be on the same base BC and between the same \parallel s AF , BC .

Then must $\square ABCD = \square EBCF$.

CASE I. If AD , EF have no point common to both,

Then in the \triangle s FDC , EAB ,

$$\therefore \text{extr. } \angle FDC = \text{intr. } \angle EAB, \quad \text{I. 29.}$$

$$\text{and intr. } \angle DFC = \text{extr. } \angle AEB, \quad \text{I. 29.}$$

$$\text{and } DC = AB, \quad \text{I. 34.}$$

$$\therefore \triangle FDC = \triangle EAB. \quad \text{I. 26.}$$

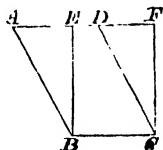
Now $\square ABCD$ with $\triangle FDC$ = figure $ABCF$;

and $\square EBCF$ with $\triangle EAB$ = figure $ABCF$;

$$\therefore \square ABCD \text{ with } \triangle FDC = \square EBCF \text{ with } \triangle EAB ;$$

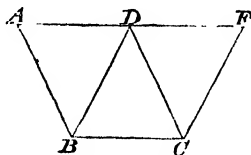
$$\therefore \square ABCD = \square EBCF.$$

CASE II. If the sides AD , EF overlap one another,



the same method of proof applies.

CASE III. If the sides opposite to BC be terminated in the same point D ,



the same method of proof is applicable,

but it is easier to reason thus :

Each of the \square s is double of $\triangle BDC$;

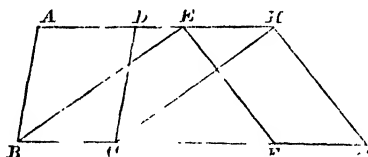
I. 34.

$\therefore \square ABCD = \square DBCF$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXXVI. THEOREM

Parallelograms on equal bases, and between the same parallels, are equal to one another.



Let the \square s $ABCD$, $EFGH$ be on equal bases BC , FG , and between the same \parallel s AH , BG .

Then must $\square ABCD = \square EFGH$

Join BE , CH .

Then

$\therefore BC = FG$,

Hyp.

and $EH = FG$;

I. 34.

$\therefore BC = EH$;

and BC is \parallel to EH .

Hyp.

$\therefore EB$ is \parallel to CH ;

I. 33.

$\therefore EBCH$ is a parallelogram.

Now $\square EBCH = \square ABCD$,

I. 35.

\therefore they are on the same base BC and between the same \parallel s ;

and $\square EBCH = \square EFGH$,

I. 35.

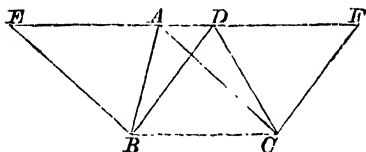
\therefore they are on the same base EH and between the same \parallel s ;

$\therefore \square ABCD = \square EFGH$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXXVII. THEOREM.

Triangles upon the same base, and between the same parallels, are equal to one another.



Let $\triangle s$ ABC , DBC be on the same base BC and between the same $\parallel s$ AD , BC .

Then must $\triangle ABC = \triangle DCB$.

From B draw $BE \parallel$ to CA to meet DA produced in E .

From C draw $CF \parallel$ to BD to meet AD produced in F .

Then $EBCA$ and $FCBD$ are parallelograms,

and $\square EBCA = \square FCBD$, I. 35.

\therefore they are on the same base and between the same $\parallel s$.

Now $\triangle ABC$ is half of $\square EBCA$, I. 34.

and $\triangle DCB$ is half of $\square FCBD$; I. 34.

$\therefore \triangle ABC = \triangle DCB$. Ax. 7.

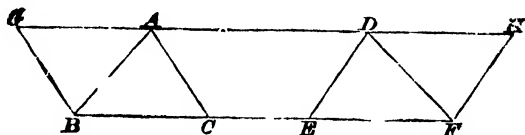
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. If P be a point in a side AB of a parallelogram $ABCD$, and PC , PD be joined, the triangles PAD , PBC are together equal to the triangle PDC .

Ex. 2. If A , B be points in one, and C , D points in another of two parallel straight lines, and the lines AD , BC intersect in E , then the triangles AEC , BED are equal.

PROPOSITION XXXVIII. THEOREM

Triangles upon equal bases, and between the same parallels, are equal to one another



Let Δ s ABC , DEF be on equal bases, BC , EF , and between the same \parallel s BF , AD

Then must $\Delta ABC = \Delta DEF$.

From B draw $BG \parallel$ to CA to meet DA produced in G .

From F draw $FH \parallel$ to ED to meet AD produced in H .

Then CG and EH are parallelograms, and they are equal,

\therefore they are on equal bases BC , EF , and between the same \parallel s BF , GH . I. 36

Now ΔABC is half of $\square CG$,

and ΔDEF is half of $\square EH$;

$\therefore \Delta ABC = \Delta DEF$.

AX. 7.

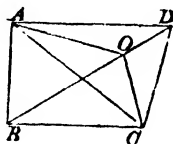
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that a straight line, drawn from the vertex of a triangle to bisect the base, divides the triangle into two equal parts.

Ex. 2. In the equal sides AB , AC of an isosceles triangle ABC points D , E are taken such that $BD = AE$. Shew that the triangles CBD , ABE are equal

PROPOSITION XXXIX. THEOREM.

Equal triangles upon the same base, and upon the same side of it, are between the same parallels.



Let the equal Δ s ABC , DBC be on the same base BC , and on the same side of it.

Join AD .

Then must AD be \parallel to BC .

For if not, through A draw $AO \parallel$ to BC , so as to meet BD , or BD produced, in O , and join OC .

Then $\because \Delta$ s ABC , OBC are on the same base and between the same \parallel s,

$$\therefore \Delta ABC = \Delta OBC. \quad \text{I. 37}$$

$$\text{But} \quad \Delta ABC = \Delta DBC; \quad \text{Hyp.}$$

$$\therefore \Delta OBC = \Delta DBC,$$

the less = the greater, which is impossible ;

$$\therefore AO \text{ is not } \parallel \text{ to } BC.$$

In the same way it may be shewn that no other line passing through A but AD is \parallel to BC ;

$$\therefore AD \text{ is } \parallel \text{ to } BC.$$

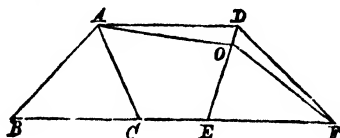
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. AD is parallel to BC ; AC , BD meet in E ; BC is produced to P so that the triangle PEB is equal to the triangle ABC : shew that PD is parallel to AC .

Ex. 2. If of the four triangles into which the diagonals divide a quadrilateral, two opposite ones are equal, the quadrilateral has two opposite sides parallel.

PROPOSITION XL. THEOREM.

Equal triangles upon equal bases, in the same straight line, and towards the same parts, are between the same parallels.



Let the equal Δ s ABC , DEF be on equal bases BC , EF in the same st. line BF and towards the same parts.

Join AD .

Then must AD be \parallel to BF .

For if not, through A draw $AO \parallel$ to BF , so as to meet ED , or ED produced, in O , and join OF .

Then $\Delta ABC = \Delta OEF$, \because they are on equal bases and between the same \parallel s. I. 38.

But $\Delta ABC = \Delta DEF$; Hyp.

$$\therefore \Delta OEF = \Delta DEF,$$

the less = the greater, which is impossible.

$\therefore AO$ is not \parallel to BF .

In the same way it may be shewn that no other line passing through A but AD is \parallel to BF ,

$\therefore AD$ is \parallel to BF .

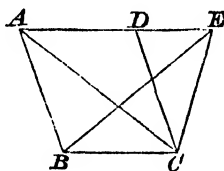
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. The straight line, joining the points of bisection of two sides of a triangle, is parallel to the base, and is equal to half the base.

Ex. 2. The straight lines, joining the middle points of the sides of a triangle, divide it into four equal triangles.

PROPOSITION XLI. THEOREM.

*If a parallelogram and a triangle be upon the same base, and between the same parallels, the parallelogram is double of the triangle.**



Let the $\square ABCD$ and the $\triangle EBC$ be on the same base BC and between the same \parallel s AE, BC .

Then must $\square ABCD$ be double of $\triangle EBC$.

Join AC .

Then $\triangle ABC = \triangle EBC$, \because they are on the same base and between the same \parallel s ; I. 37.

and $\square ABCD$ is double of $\triangle ABC$, $\because AC$ is a diagonal of $ABCD$; I. 34.

$\therefore \square ABCD$ is double of $\triangle EBC$.

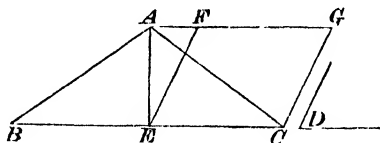
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. If from a point, without a parallelogram, there be drawn straight lines to the ends of each of the two opposite sides, between which, when produced, the point does not lie, the difference of the triangles thus formed is equal to half the parallelogram.

Ex. 2. The two triangles, formed by drawing straight lines from any point within a parallelogram to the extremities of its opposite sides, are together half of the parallelogram.

PROPOSITION XLII. PROBLEM.

To describe a parallelogram that shall be equal to a given triangle, and have one of its angles equal to a given angle.



Let ABC be the given Δ , and D the given \angle .

It is required to describe a \square equal to ΔABC , having one of its \angle s = $\angle D$.

Bisect BC in E and join AE . I. 10.

At E make $\angle CEF = \angle D$. I. 23

Draw $AFG \parallel$ to BC , and from C draw $CG \parallel$ to EF .

Then $FECG$ is a parallelogram.

Now $\Delta AEB = \Delta AEC$,

\therefore they are on equal bases and between the same \parallel s. I. 38.

$\therefore \Delta ABC$ is double of ΔAEC .

But $\square FECG$ is double of ΔAEC ,

\therefore they are on same base and between same \parallel s. I. 41.

$\therefore \square FECG = \Delta ABC$, Ax. 6.

and $\square FECG$ has one of its \angle s, $CEF = \angle D$.

$\therefore \square FECG$ has been described as was reqd.

Q. E. F.

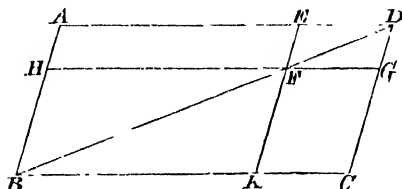
Ex. 1. Describe a triangle, which shall be equal to a given parallelogram, and have one of its angles equal to a given rectilineal angle.

Ex. 2. Construct a parallelogram, equal to a given triangle, and such that the sum of its sides shall be equal to the sum of the sides of the triangle.

Ex. 3. The perimeter of an isosceles triangle is greater than the perimeter of a rectangle, which is of the same altitude with, and equal to, the given triangle.

PROPOSITION XLIII. THEOREM.

The complements of the parallelograms, which are about the diameter of any parallelogram, are equal to one another.



Let $ABCD$ be a \square , of which BD is a diagonal, and EG, HK the \square s about BD , that is, through which BD passes,

and AF, FC the other \square s, which make up the whole figure $ABCD$,

and which are \therefore called the *Complements*.

Then must complement AF = complement FC .

For $\because BD$ is a diagonal of $\square AC$,

$$\therefore \triangle ABD = \triangle CDB; \quad \text{I. 34.}$$

and $\because BF$ is a diagonal of $\square HK$,

$$\therefore \triangle HBF = \triangle KFB; \quad \text{I. 34.}$$

and $\because FD$ is a diagonal of $\square EG$,

$$\therefore \triangle EFD = \triangle GDF \quad \text{I. 34.}$$

Hence sum of \triangle s HBF, EFD = sum of \triangle s KFB, GDF .

Take these equals from \triangle s ABD, CDB respectively,

then remaining $\square AF$ = remaining $\square FC$. Ax. 3.

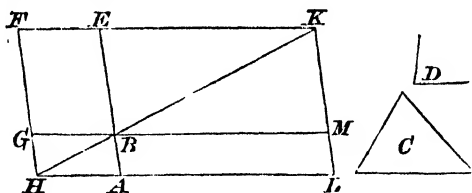
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. If through a point O , within a parallelogram $ABCD$, two straight lines are drawn parallel to the sides, and the parallelograms OB, OD are equal; the point O is in the diagonal AC .

Ex. 2 $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, AMN a straight line meeting the sides BC, CD (one of them being produced) in M, N . Shew that the triangle MBN is equal to the triangle MDC .

PROPOSITION XLIV. PROBLEM.

To a given straight line to apply a parallelogram, which shall be equal to a given triangle, and have one of its angles equal to a given angle.



Let AB be the given st. line, C the given \triangle , D the given \angle .

It is required to apply to AB a $\square = \triangle C$ and having one of its \angle s $= \angle D$.

Make a $\square = \triangle C$, and having one of its angles $= \angle D$, I. 42. and suppose it to be removed to such a position that one of the sides containing this angle is in the same st. line with AB , and let the \square be denoted by $BEFG$.

Produce FG to H , draw $AH \parallel$ to BG or EF , and join BH .

Then $\therefore FH$ meets the \parallel s AH , EF ,

\therefore sum of \angle s AHF , $HFE =$ two rt. \angle s; I. 29.

\therefore sum of \angle s BHG , HFE is less than two rt. \angle s;

$\therefore HB$, FE will meet if produced towards B , E . Post. 6.

Let them meet in K

Through K draw $KL \parallel$ to EA or FH ,

and produce HA , GB to meet KL in the pts. L , M .

Then $HFKL$ is a \square , and HK is its diagonal;

and AG , ME are \square s about HK ,

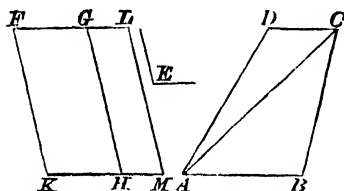
\therefore complement $BL =$ complement BF , I. 43.

$\therefore \square BL = \triangle C$.

Also the $\square BL$ has one of its \angle s, $ABM = \angle EBG$, and \therefore equal to $\angle D$.

PROPOSITION XLV. PROBLEM.

To describe a parallelogram, which shall be equal to a given rectilinear figure, and have one of its angles equal to a given angle.



Let $ABCD$ be the given rectil. figure, and E the given \angle .

It is required to describe a $\square =$ to $ABCD$, having one of its \angle s $= \angle E$.

Join AC .

Describe a $\square FGHK = \triangle ABC$, having $\angle FKH = \angle E$.

I. 42.

To GH apply a $\square GHML = \triangle CDA$, having $\angle GHM = \angle E$.

I. 44.

Then $FKML$ is the \square reqd.

For $\because \angle GHM$ and $\angle FKH$ are each $= \angle E$;

$\therefore \angle GHM = \angle FKH$,

\therefore sum of \angle s $GHM, GHK =$ sum of \angle s FKH, GHK
 $=$ two rt. \angle s;

I. 29.

$\therefore KHM$ is a st. line.

I. 14.

Again, $\because HG$ meets the \parallel s FG, KM ,

$\angle FGH = \angle GHM$,

\therefore sum of \angle s $FGH, LGH =$ sum of \angle s GHM, LGH
 $=$ two rt. \angle s;

I. 29.

$\therefore FGL$ is a st. line.

I. 14.

Then $\because KF$ is \parallel to HG , and HG is \parallel to LM

$\therefore KF$ is \parallel to LM ;

I. 30.

and KM has been shewn to be \parallel to FL ,

$\therefore FKML$ is a parallelogram,

and $\because FH = \triangle ABC$, and $GM = \triangle CDA$,

$\therefore \square FM =$ whole rectil. fig. $ABCD$,

and $\square FM$ has one of its \angle s, $FKM = \angle E$.

In the same way a \square may be constructed equal to a given rectil. fig. of any number of sides, and having one of its angles equal to a given angle.

Q. E. F.

Miscellaneous Exercises.

1. If one diagonal of a quadrilateral bisect the other, it divides the quadrilateral into two equal triangles.

2. If from any point in the diagonal, or the diagonal produced, of a parallelogram, straight lines be drawn to the opposite angles, they will cut off equal triangles.

3. In a trapezium the straight line, joining the middle points of the parallel sides, bisects the trapezium.

4. The diagonals AC, BD of a parallelogram intersect in O , and P is a point within the triangle AOB ; prove that the difference of the triangles CPD, APB is equal to the sum of the triangles APC, BPD .

5. If either diagonal of a parallelogram be equal to a side of the figure, the other diagonal shall be greater than any side of the figure.

6. If through the angles of a parallelogram four straight lines be drawn parallel to its diagonals, another parallelogram will be formed, the area of which will be double that of the original parallelogram.

7. If two triangles have two sides respectively equal and the included angles supplemental, the triangles are equal.

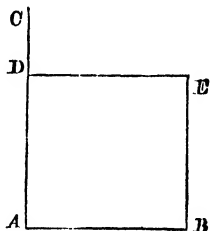
8. Bisect a given triangle by a straight line drawn from a given point in one of the sides.

9. The base AB of a triangle ABC is produced to a point D such that BD is equal to AB , and straight lines are drawn from A and D to E , the middle point of BC ; prove that the triangle ADE is equal to the triangle ABC .

10. Prove that a pair of the diagonals of the parallelograms, which are about the diameter of any parallelogram, are parallel to each other.

PROPOSITION XLVI. PROBLEM.

To describe a square upon a given straight line.



Let AB be the given st. line,

It is required to describe a square on AB .

From A draw $AC \perp$ to AB I. 11. Cor.

In AC make $AD = AB$.

Through D draw $DE \parallel$ to AB . I. 31.

Through B draw $BE \parallel$ to AD . I. 31

Then AE is a parallelogram,

and $\therefore AB = ED$, and $AD = BE$. I. 34.

But $AB = AD$;

$\therefore AB, BE, ED, DA$ are all equal :

$\therefore AE$ is equilateral.

And $\angle BAD$ is a right angle

$\therefore AE$ is a square, Def. xxx.

and it is described on AB .

Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. Shew how to construct a rectangle whose sides are equal to two given straight lines.

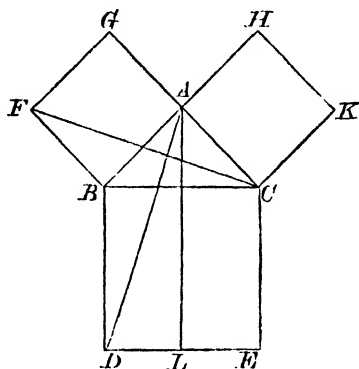
Ex. 2. Shew that the squares on equal straight lines are equal.

Ex. 3. Shew that equal squares must be on equal straight lines.

NOTE. The theorems in Ex. 2 and 3 are assumed by Euclid in the proof of Prop. XLVIII.

PROPOSITION XLVII. THEOREM.

In any right-angled triangle the square which is described on the side subtending the right angle is equal to the squares described on the sides which contain the right angle.



Let ABC be a right-angled Δ , having the rt. $\angle BAC$.

Then must sq. on BC = sum of sqq. on BA , AC .

On BC , CA , AB descr. the sqq. $BDEC$, $CKHA$, $AGFB$

Through A draw $AL \parallel$ to BD or CE , and join AD , FC .

Then $\because \angle BAC$ and $\angle BAG$ are both rt. \angle s,

$\therefore GAG$ is a st. line ; I. 14.

and $\because \angle BAC$ and $\angle CAH$ are both rt. \angle s ;

$\therefore BAH$ is a st. line. I. 14.

Now $\because \angle DBC = \angle FBA$, each being a rt. \angle ,

adding to each $\angle ABC$, we have

$\angle ABD = \angle FBC$. Ax. 2.

Then in Δ s ABD , FBC ,

$\because AB = FB$, and $BD = BC$, and $\angle ABD = \angle FBC$,

$\therefore \Delta ABD = \Delta FBC$. I. 4.

Now $\square BL$ is double of ΔABD , on same base BD and between same \parallel s AL , BD , I. 41.

and sq. BG is double of ΔFBC , on same base FB and between same \parallel s FB , GC ; I. 41.

$\therefore \square BL = \text{sq. } BG$.

Similarly, by joining AE , BK it may be shewn that

$$\square CL = \text{sq. } AK.$$

Now sq. on BC = sum of $\square BL$ and $\square CL$,

$$= \text{sum of sq. } BG \text{ and sq. } AK,$$

$$= \text{sum of sqq. on } BA \text{ and } AC.$$

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Prove that the square, described upon the diagonal of any given square, is equal to twice the given square.

Ex. 2. Find a line, the square on which shall be equal to the sum of the squares on three given straight lines.

Ex. 3. If one angle of a triangle be equal to the sum of the other two, and one of the sides containing this angle being divided into four equal parts, the other contains three of those parts; the remaining side of the triangle contains five such parts.

Ex. 4. The triangles ABC , DEF , having the angles ACB , DFE right angles, have also the sides AB , AC equal to DE , DF , each to each; shew that the triangles are equal in every respect.

NOTE. This Theorem has been already deduced as a Corollary from Prop E, page 43.

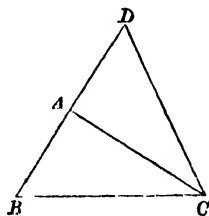
Ex. 5. Divide a given straight line into two parts, so that the square on one part shall be double of the square on the other.

Ex. 6. If from one of the acute angles of a right-angled triangle a line be drawn to the opposite side, the squares on that side and on the line so drawn are together equal to the sum of the squares on the segment adjacent to the right angle and on the hypotenuse.

Ex. 7. In any triangle, if a line be drawn from the vertex at right angles to the base, the difference between the squares on the sides is equal to the difference between the squares on the segments of the base.

PROPOSITION XLVIII. THEOREM.

If the square described upon one of the sides of a triangle be equal to the squares described upon the other two sides of it, the angle contained by those sides is a right angle.



Let the sq. on BC , a side of $\triangle ABC$, be equal to the sum of , , the sqq. on AB , AC .

Then must $\angle BAC$ be a rt. angle.

From pt. A draw $AD \perp$ to AC . I. 11.

Make $AD = AB$, and join DC .

Then $\therefore AD = AB$,

\therefore sq. on AD = sq. on AB ; I. 46, Ex. 2.

add to each sq. on AC .

then sum of sqq. on AD , AC = sum of sqq. on AB , AC .

But $\therefore \angle DAC$ is a rt. angle,

\therefore sq. on DC = sum of sqq. on AD , AC ; I. 47.

and, by hypothesis,

sq. on BC = sum of sqq. on AB , AC ;

\therefore sq. on DC = sq. on BC ;

$\therefore DC = BC$. I. 46, Ex. 3.

Then in $\triangle s ABC$, ADC ,

$\therefore AB = AD$, and AC is common, and $BC = DC$,

$\therefore \angle BAC = \angle DAC$; I. c.

and $\angle DAC$ is a rt. angle, by construction;

$\therefore \angle BAC$ is a rt. angle.

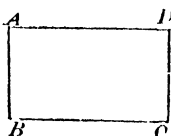
Q. E. D.

BOOK II.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THE geometrical figure with which we are chiefly concerned in this book is the RECTANGLE. A rectangle is said to be *contained by* any two of its adjacent sides.

Thus if $ABCD$ be a rectangle, it is said to be contained by AB , AD ; or by any other pair of adjacent sides.



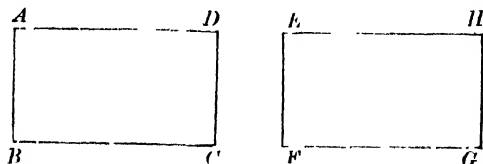
We shall use the abbreviation *rect.* AB , AD to express the words "the rectangle contained by AB , AD ."

We shall make frequent use of a Theorem (employed, but not demonstrated, by Euclid) which may be thus stated and proved.

PROPOSITION A. THEOREM.

If the adjacent sides of one rectangle be equal to the adjacent sides of another rectangle, each to each, the rectangles are equal in area.

Let $ABCD$, $EFGH$ be two rectangles :
and let $AB = EF$ and $BC = FG$.



Then must rect. $ABCD = \text{rect. } EFGH$.

For if the rect. $EFGH$ be applied to the rect. $ABCD$, so that EF coincides with AB ,

then FG will fall on BC , $\because \angle EFG = \angle ABC$,

and G will coincide with C , $\because BC = FG$.

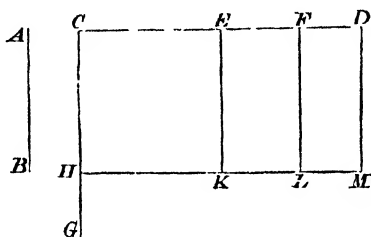
Similarly it may be shewn that H will coincide with D ;

\therefore rect. $EFGH$ coincides with and is therefore equal to rect. $ABCD$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM.

If there be two straight lines, one of which is divided into any number of parts, the rectangle contained by the two straight lines is equal to the rectangles contained by the undivided line and the several parts of the divided line.



Let AB and CD be two given st. lines,

and let CD be divided into any parts in E, F .

Then must $\text{rect. } AB, CD = \text{sum of rect. } AB, CE \text{ and rect. } AB, EF \text{ and rect. } AB, FD$.

From C draw $CG \perp$ to CD , and in CG make $CH = AB$.

Through H draw $HM \parallel$ to CD .

I. 31.

Through E, F , and D draw $EK, FL, DM \parallel$ to CH .

Then EK and FL , being each $= CH$, are each $= AB$.

Now $CM = \text{sum of } CK \text{ and } EL \text{ and } FM$.

And $CM = \text{rect. } AB, CD$, $\because CH = AB$,

$CK = \text{rect. } AB, CE$, $\because CH = AB$,

$EL = \text{rect. } AB, EF$, $\because EK = AB$.

$FM = \text{rect. } AB, FD$, $\because FL = AB$;

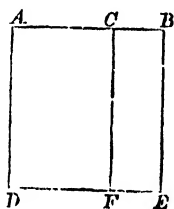
$\therefore \text{rect. } AB, CD = \text{sum of rect. } AB, CE \text{ and rect. } AB, EF \text{ and rect. } AB, FD$.

Q. E. D.

Ex. If two straight lines be each divided into any number of parts, the rectangle contained by the two lines is equal to the rectangles contained by all the parts of the one taken separately with all the parts of the other.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into any two parts, the rectangles contained by the whole and each of the parts are together equal to the square on the whole line.



Let the st. line AB be divided into any two parts in C .

Then must

sq. on AB = sum of rect. AB, AC and rect. AB, CB .

On AB describe the sq. $ADEB$ I. 46.

Through C draw $CF \parallel$ to AD . I. 31.

Then AE = sum of AF and CE .

Now AE is the sq. on AB ,

AF = rect. AB, AC , $\because AD = AB$,

CE = rect. AB, CB , $\because BE = AB$,

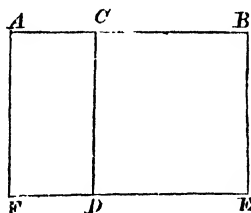
\therefore sq. on AB = sum of rect. AB, AC and rect. AB, CB .

Q. E. D.

Ex. The square on a straight line is equal to four times the square on half the line.

PROPOSITION III. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into any two parts, the rectangle contained by the whole and one of the parts is equal to the rectangle contained by the two parts together with the square on the aforesaid part.



Let the st. line AB be divided into any two parts in C .

Then must

rect. AB, CB = sum of rect. AC, CB and sq. on CB .

On CB describe the sq. $CDEB$. I. 46.

From A draw $AF \parallel$ to CD , meeting ED produced in F .

Then AE = sum of AD and CE .

Now AE = rect. AB, CB , $\therefore BE = CB$,

AD = rect. AC, CB , $\therefore CD = CB$,

CE = sq. on CB .

\therefore rect. AB, CB = sum of rect. AC, CB and sq. on CB .

Q. E. D.

NOTE. When a straight line is cut in a point, the distances of the point of section from the ends of the line are called the *segments* of the line.

If a line AB be divided in C ,

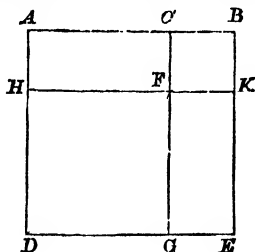
AC and CB are called the *internal* segments of AB .

If a line AC be produced to B ,

AB and CB are called the *external* segments of AC .

PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into any two parts, the square on the whole line is equal to the squares on the two parts together with twice the rectangle contained by the parts.



Let the st. line AB be divided into any two parts in C .

Then must

sq. on AB = sum of sqq. on AC , CB and twice rect. AC , CB .

On AB describe the sq. $ADEB$. I. 46.

From AD cut off $AH = CB$. Then $HD = AC$.

Draw $CG \parallel$ to AD , and $HK \parallel$ to AB , meeting CG in F .

Then $\because BK = AH$, $\therefore BK = CB$, Ax. 1.

$\therefore BK, KF, FC, CB$ are all equal; and KBC is a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore CK$ is the sq. on CB . Def. xxx.

Also HG = sq. on AC , $\because HF$ and HD each = AC .

Now AE = sum of HG, CK, AF, FE ,

and AE = sq. on AB ,

HG = sq. on AC ,

CK = sq. on CB ,

AF = rect. AC, CB , $\because CF = CB$,

FE = rect. AC, CB , $\because FG = AC$ and $FK = CB$.

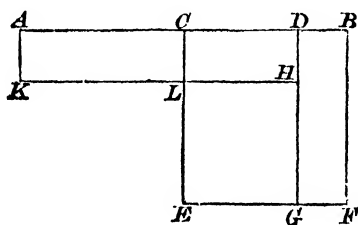
\therefore sq. on AB = sum of sqq. on AC, CB and twice rect. AC, CB .

Q. E. D.

Ex. In a triangle, whose vertical angle is a right angle, a straight line is drawn from the vertex perpendicular to the base. Shew that the rectangle, contained by the segments of the base, is equal to the square on the perpendicular.

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into two equal parts and also into two unequal parts, the rectangle contained by the unequal parts, together with the square on the line between the points of section, is equal to the square on half the line.



Let the st. line AB be divided equally in C and unequally, in D .

Then must

rect. AD, DB together with sq. on CD = sq. on CB .

On CB describe the sq. $CEFB$. I. 46.

Draw $DG \parallel$ to CE , and from it cut off $DH = DB$. I. 31.

Draw $HLK \parallel$ to AD , and $AK \parallel$ to DH . I. 31.

Then rect. DF = rect. AL , $\because BF = AC$, and $BD = CL$.

Also LG = sq. on CD , $\because LH = CD$, and $HG = CD$.

Then rect. AD, DB together with sq. on CD

= AH together with LG

= sum of AL and CH and LG

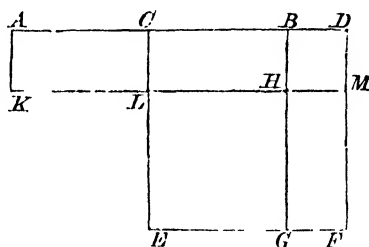
= sum of DF and CH and LG

= CF

= sq. on CB .

PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM.

If a straight line be bisected and produced to any point, the rectangle contained by the whole line thus produced and the part of it produced, together with the square on half the line bisected, is equal to the square on the straight line which is made up of the half and the part produced.



Let the st. line AB be bisected in C and produced to D .

Then must

rect. AD, DB together with sq. on CB = sq. on CD .

On CD describe the sq. $CEFD$. I. 46.

Draw $BG \parallel$ to CE , and cut off $BH = BD$. I. 31

Through H draw $KLM \parallel$ to AD I. 31.

Through A draw $AK \parallel$ to CE .

Now $\because BG = CD$ and $BH = BD$;

$\therefore HG = CB$; Ax. 3.

\therefore rect. MG = rect. AL . II. A.

Then rect. AD, DB together with sq. on CB

= sum of AM and LG

= sum of AL and CM and LG

= sum of MG and CM and LG

= CF

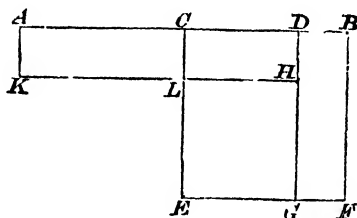
= sq. on CD .

Q. E. D.

NOTE. We here give the proof of an important theorem, which is usually placed as a corollary to Proposition V.

PROPOSITION B. THEOREM.

The difference between the squares on any two straight lines is equal to the rectangle contained by the sum and difference of those lines.



Let AC , CD be two st. lines, of which AC is the greater and let them be placed so as to form one st. line AD .

Produce AD to B , making $CB = AC$.

Then AD = the sum of the lines AC , CD ,

and DB = the difference of the lines AC , CD .

Then must difference between sqq. on AC , CD = rect. AD , DB .

On CB describe the sq. $CEFB$. I. 46.

Draw $DG \parallel$ to CE , and from it cut off $DH = DE$. I. 31.

Draw $HLK \parallel$ to AD , and $AK \parallel$ to DH . I. 31.

Then rect. DF = rect. AL , $\because BF = AC$, and $BD = CL$.

Also LG = sq. on CD , $\because LH = CD$, and $HG = CD$.

Then difference between sqq. on AC , CD

= difference between sqq. on CB , CD

= sum of CH and DE

= sum of CH and AL

= AH

= rect. AD , DH

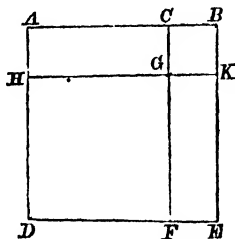
= rect. AD , DB .

Q. E. D.

Ex. Shew that Propositions V. and VI. might be deduced from this Proposition.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into any two parts, the squares on the whole line and on one of the parts are equal to twice the rectangle contained by the whole and that part together with the square on the other part.



Let AB be divided into any two parts in C .

Then must

$\text{sqq. on } AB, BC = \text{twice rect. } AB, BC \text{ together with sq. on } AC$.

On AB describe the sq. $ADEB$. I. 46.

From AD cut off $AH = CB$.

Draw $CF \parallel$ to AD and $HGK \parallel$ to AB . I. 31.

Then $HF = \text{sq. on } AC$, and $CK = \text{sq. on } CB$.

Then $\text{sqq. on } AB, BC = \text{sum of } AF \text{ and } CK$

$= \text{sum of } AK, HF, GE \text{ and } CK$

$= \text{sum of } AK, HF \text{ and } CE$.

Now $AK = \text{rect. } AB, BC$, $\therefore BK = BC$;

$CE = \text{rect. } AB, BC$, $\therefore BE = AB$;

$HF = \text{sq. on } AC$.

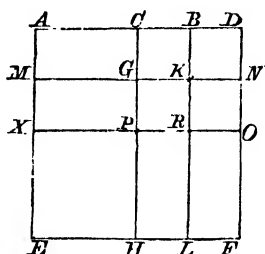
$\therefore \text{sqq. on } AB, BC = \text{twice rect. } AB, BC \text{ together with sq. on } AC$

Q. E. D.

Ex. If straight lines be drawn from G to B and from G to D , shew that BGD is a straight line.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into any two parts, four times the rectangle contained by the whole line and one of the parts, together with the square on the other part, is equal to the square on the straight line which is made up of the whole and the first part.



Let the st. line AB be divided into any two parts in C .

Produce AB to D , so that $BD=BC$.

Then must four times rect. AB, BC together with sq. on AC =sq. on AD .

On AD describe the sq. $AEFD$. I. 46.

From AE cut off AM and MX each= CB .

Through C, B draw CH, BL \parallel to AE . I. 31.

Through M, X draw $MGKN, XPRO$ \parallel to AD . I. 31.

Now $\therefore XE=AC$, and $XP=AC$, $\therefore XH$ =sq. on AC .

Also $AG=MP=PL=RF$, II. A.

and $CK=CR=BN=KO$; II. A.

\therefore sum of these eight rectangles

=four times the sum of AG, CK

=four times AK

=four times rect. AB, BC .

Then four times rect. AB, BC and sq. on AC

=sum of the eight rectangles and XH

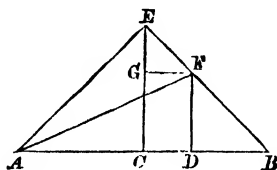
= $AEFD$

=sq. on AD .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM.

If a straight line be divided into two equal, and also into two unequal parts, the squares on the two unequal parts are together double of the square on half the line and of the square on the line between the points of section.



Let AB be divided equally in C and unequally in D .

Then must

sum of sqq. on AD , DB = twice sum of sqq. on AC , CD .

Draw $CE = AC$ at rt. \angle s to AB , and join EA , EB .

Draw DF at rt. \angle s to AB , meeting EB in F .

Draw EG at rt. \angle s to EC , and join AF

Then $\because \angle ACE$ is a rt. \angle ,

\therefore sum of \angle s AEC , EAC = a rt. \angle ; I. 32.

and $\because \angle AEC = \angle EAC$, I. A.

$\therefore \angle AEC$ = half a rt. \angle .

So also $\angle BEC$ and $\angle EBC$ are each = half a rt. \angle .

Hence $\angle AEF$ is a rt. \angle .

Also, $\because \angle GEF$ is half a rt. \angle , and $\angle EGF$ is a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore \angle EFG$ is half a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore \angle EFG = \angle GEF$, and $\therefore EG = GF$. I. B. Cor

So also $\angle BFD$ is half a rt. \angle , and $BD = DF$.

Now sum of sqq. on AD , DB

= sq. on AD together with sq. on DF

= sq. on AF I. 47.

= sq. on AE together with sq. on EF I. 47.

= sqq. on AC , EC together with sqq. on EG , GF I. 47.

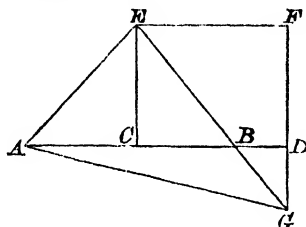
= twice sq. on AC together with twice sq. on GF

= twice sq. on AC together with twice sq. on CD .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION X. THEOREM.

If a straight line be bisected and produced to any point, the square on the whole line thus produced and the square on the part of it produced are together double of the square on half the line bisected and of the square on the line made up of the half and the part produced.



Let the st. line AB be bisected in C and produced to D .

Then must

sum of sqq. on AD , BD = twice sum of sqq. on AC , CD .

Draw $CE \perp$ to AB , and make $CE = AC$.

Join EA , EB and draw $EF \parallel$ to AD and $DF \parallel$ to CE .

Then $\because \angle s$ FEB , EFD are together less than two rt. $\angle s$,
 $\therefore EB$ and FD will meet if produced towards B , D
 in some pt. G .

Join AG .

Then $\because \angle ACE$ is a rt. \angle ,
 $\therefore \angle s$ EAC , AEC together = a rt. \angle ,
 and $\because \angle EAC = \angle AEC$,
 $\therefore \angle AEC$ = half a rt. \angle .

I. A.

So also $\angle s$ BEC , EBC each = half a rt. \angle .

$\therefore \angle AEB$ is a rt. \angle .

Also $\angle DBG$, which = $\angle EBC$, is half a rt. \angle ,
 and $\therefore \angle BGD$ is half a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore BD = DG$.

I. B. Cor.

Again, $\because \angle FGE$ = half a rt. \angle , and $\angle EFG$ is a rt. \angle , I. 34.

$\therefore \angle FEG$ = half a rt. \angle , and $EF = FG$. I. B. Cor.

Then sum of sqq. on AD , DB

= sum of sqq. on AD , DG

= sq. on AG

I. 47.

= sq. on AE together with sq. on EG

I. 47.

= sqq. on AC , EC together with sqq. on EF , FG

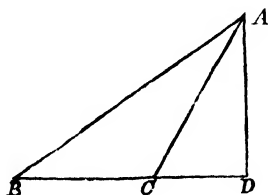
I. 47.

= twice sq. on AC together with twice sq. on EF

= twice sq. on AC together with twice sq. on CD . Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM.

In obtuse-angled triangles, if a perpendicular be drawn from either of the acute angles to the opposite side produced, the square on the side subtending the obtuse angle is greater than the squares on the sides containing the obtuse angle, by twice the rectangle contained by the side, upon which, when produced, the perpendicular falls, and the straight line intercepted without the triangle between the perpendicular and the obtuse angle.



Let ABC be an obtuse-angled Δ , having $\angle ACB$ obtuse.

From A draw $AD \perp$ to BC produced.

Then must sq. on AB be greater than sum of sqq. on BC , CA by twice rect. BC , CD .

For since BD is divided into two parts in C ,
sq. on BD = sum of sqq. on BC , CD , and twice rect. BC , CD .

II. 4.

Add to each sq. on DA : then
sum of sqq. on BD , DA = sum of sqq. on BC , CD , DA and
twice rect. BC , CD .

Now sqq. on BD , DA = sq. on AB , I. 47.

and sqq. on CD , DA = sq. on CA ; I. 47.

\therefore sq. on AB = sum of sqq. on BC , CA and twice rect. BC , CD .

\therefore sq. on AB is greater than sum of sqq. on BC , CA by
twice rect. BC , CD .

Q. E. D.

Ex. The squares on the diagonals of a trapezium are together equal to the squares on its two sides, which are not parallel, and twice the rectangle contained by the sides, which are parallel.

PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM.

In every triangle, the square on the side subtending any of the acute angles is less than the squares on the sides containing that angle, by twice the rectangle contained by either of these sides and the straight line intercepted between the perpendicular, let fall upon it from the opposite angle, and the acute angle.

FIG. 1.

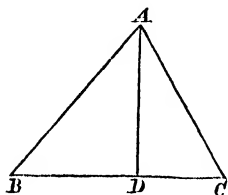
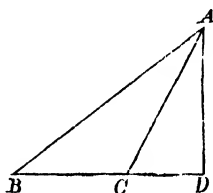


FIG. 2.



Let ABC be any \triangle , having the $\angle ABC$ acute.

From A draw $AD \perp$ to BC or BC produced.

Then must sq. on AC be less than the sum of sqq. on AB , BC , by twice rect. BC , BD .

For in Fig. 1 BC is divided into two parts in D ,
and in Fig. 2 BD is divided into two parts in C ;

\therefore in both cases

sum of sqq. on BC , BD = sum of twice rect. BC , BD and
sq. on CD . II. 7.

Add to each the sq. on DA , then

sum of sqq. on BC , BD , DA = sum of twice rect. BC , BD
and sqq. on CD , DA ;

\therefore sum of sqq. on BC , AB = sum of twice rect. BC , BD and
sq. on AC ; I. 47.

\therefore sq. on AC is less than sum of sqq. on AB , BC by twice
rect. BC , BD .

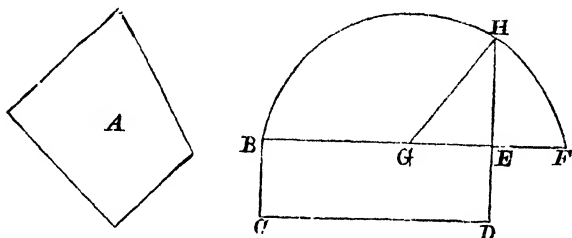
The case, in which the perpendicular AD coincides with AC ,
needs no proof.

Q. E. D.

Ex. Prove that the sum of the squares on any two sides of
a triangle is equal to twice the sum of the squares on half the
base and on the line joining the vertical angle with the middle
point of the base.

PROPOSITION XIV. PROBLEM.

To describe a square that shall be equal to a given rectilinear figure.



Let A be the given rectil. figure.

It is reqd. to describe a square that shall $= A$.

Describe the rectangular $\square BCDE = A$. I. 45.

Then if $BE = ED$ the $\square BCDE$ is a square,
and what was reqd. is done.

But if BE be not $= ED$, produce BE to F , so that $EF = ED$.

Bisect BF in G ; and with centre G and distance GB ,
describe the semicircle BHF .

Produce DE to H and join GH .

Then, $\because BF$ is divided equally in G and unequally in E ,

\therefore rect. BE, EF together with sq. on GE

$=$ sq. on GF II. 5.

$=$ sq. on GH

$=$ sum of sqq. on EH, GE . I. 47.

Take from each the square on GE .

Then rect. $BE, EF =$ sq. on EH .

But rect. $BE, EF = BD$, $\because EF = ED$;

\therefore sq. on $EH = BD$;

\therefore sq. on $EH =$ rectil. figure A .

Q. E. F.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Book II.

1. In a triangle, whose vertical angle is a right angle, a straight line is drawn from the vertex perpendicular to the base; shew that the square on either of the sides adjacent to the right angle is equal to the rectangle contained by the base and the segment of it adjacent to that side.

2. The squares on the diagonals of a parallelogram are together equal to the squares on the four sides.

3. If $ABCD$ be any rectangle, and O any point either within or without the rectangle, shew that the sum of the squares on OA , OC is equal to the sum of the squares on OB , OD .

4. If either diagonal of a parallelogram be equal to one of the sides about the opposite angle of the figure, the square on it shall be less than the square on the other diameter, by twice the square on the other side about that opposite angle.

5. Produce a given straight line AB to C , so that the rectangle, contained by the sum and difference of AB and AC , may be equal to a given square.

6. Shew that the sum of the squares on the diagonals of any quadrilateral is less than the sum of the squares on the four sides, by four times the square on the line joining the middle points of the diagonals.

7. If the square on the perpendicular from the vertex of a triangle is equal to the rectangle, contained by the segments of the base, the vertical angle is a right angle.

8. If two straight lines be given, shew how to produce one of them so that the rectangle contained by it and the produced part may be equal to the square on the other.

9. If a straight line be divided into three parts, the square on the whole line is equal to the sum of the squares on the parts together with twice the rectangle contained by each two of the parts.

10. In any quadrilateral the squares on the diagonals are together equal to twice the sum of the squares on the straight lines joining the middle points of opposite sides.

11. If straight lines be drawn from each angle of a triangle to bisect the opposite sides, four times the sum of the squares on these lines is equal to three times the sum of the squares on the sides of the triangle.

12. CD is drawn perpendicular to AB , a side of the triangle ABC , in which $AC = AB$. Shew that the square on CD is equal to the square on BD together with twice the rectangle AD, DB .

13. The hypotenuse AB of a right-angled triangle ABC is trisected in the points D, E ; prove that if CD, CE be joined, the sum of the squares on the sides of the triangle CDE is equal to two-thirds of the square on AB .

14. The square on the hypotenuse of an isosceles right-angled triangle is equal to four times the square on the perpendicular from the right angle on the hypotenuse.

15. Divide a given straight line into two parts, so that the rectangle contained by them shall be equal to the square described upon a straight line, which is less than half the line divided.

NOTE 6.—On the Measurement of Areas.

To measure a Magnitude, we fix upon some magnitude of the same kind to serve as a standard or unit; and then any magnitude of that kind is measured by the number of times it contains this unit, and this number is called the MEASURE of the quantity.

Suppose, for instance, we wish to measure a straight line AB . We take another straight line EF for our standard,



and then we say

if AB contain EF three times, the measure of AB is 3,
 iffour.....4,
 if x x .

Next suppose we wish to measure two straight lines AB , CD by the same standard EF .

If AB contain EF m times
 and CD n times,

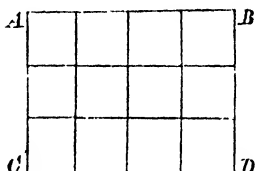
where m and n stand for numbers, whole or fractional, we say that AB and CD are *commensurable*.

But it may happen that we may be able to find a standard line EF , such that it is contained an exact number of times in AB ; and yet there is no number, whole or fractional, which will express the number of times EF is contained in CD .

In such a case, where no unit-line can be found, such that it is contained an exact number of times in *each* of two lines AB , CD , these two lines are called *incommensurable*.

In the processes of Geometry we constantly meet with incommensurable magnitudes. Thus the side and diagonal of a square are incommensurables; and so are the diameter and circumference of a circle.

Next, suppose two lines AB , AC to be at right angles to each other and to be commensurable, so that AB contains four times a certain unit of linear measurement, which is contained by AC three times.



Divide AB , AC into four and three equal parts respectively, and draw lines through the points of division parallel to AC , AB respectively; then the rectangle $ACDB$ is divided into a number of equal squares, each constructed on a line equal to the unit of linear measurement.

If one of these squares be taken as the unit of area, the *measure* of the area of the rectangle $ACDB$ will be the number of these squares.

Now this number will evidently be the same as that obtained by multiplying the measure of AB by the measure of AC ; that is, the measure of AB being 4 and the measure of AC 3, the measure of $ACDB$ is 4×3 or 12. (Algebra, Art. 38.)

And *generally*, if the measures of two adjacent sides of a rectangle, supposed to be commensurable, be a and b , then the measure of the rectangle will be ab . (Algebra, Art. 39.)

If all lines were commensurable, then, whatever might be the length of two adjacent sides of a rectangle, we might select the unit of length, so that the measures of the two sides should be whole numbers; and then we might apply the processes of Algebra to establish many Propositions in Geometry by simpler methods than those adopted by Euclid.

Take, for example, the theorem in Book II. Prop. iv.

If all lines were commensurable we might proceed thus :—

Let the measure of AC be x ,

..... of CB ... y ,

Then the measure of AB is $x+y$.

Now

$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy,$$

which proves the theorem.

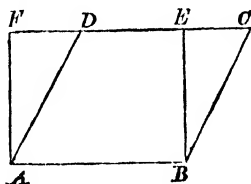
But, inasmuch as all lines are not commensurable, we have in Geometry to treat of *magnitudes* and not of *measures*: that is, when we use the symbol A to represent a line (as in I. 22), A stands for the line itself and not, as in Algebra, for the number of units of length contained by the line.

The method, adopted by Euclid in Book II. to explain the relations between the rectangles contained by certain lines, is more exact than any method founded upon Algebraical principles can be; because his method applies not merely to the case in which the sides of a rectangle are commensurable, but also to the case in which they are incommensurable.

The student is now in a position to understand the practical application of the theory of Equivalence of Areas, of which the foundation is the 35th Proposition of Book I. We shall give a few examples of the use made of this theory in Mensuration.

Area of a Parallelogram.

The area of a parallelogram $ABCD$ is equal to the area of the rectangle $ABEF$ on the same base AB and between the same parallels AB, FC .



Now BE is the altitude of the parallelogram $ABCD$ if AB be taken as the base.

Hence area of $\square ABCD = \text{rect. } AB, BE$.

If then the measure of the base be denoted by b ,

and altitude h ,

the measure of the area of the \square will be denoted by bh .

That is, when the base and altitude are commensurable,
measure of area = measure of base into measure of altitude.

Area of a Triangle.

If from one of the angular points A of a triangle ABC , a perpendicular AD be drawn to BC , Fig. 1, or to BC produced, Fig. 2,

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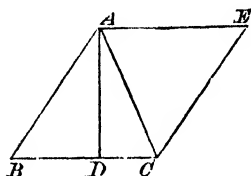
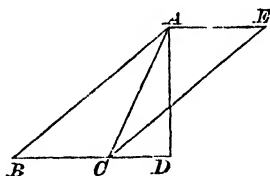


FIG. 2.



and if, in both cases, a parallelogram $ABCE$ be completed of which AB , BC are adjacent sides,

area of $\triangle ABC$ = half of area of $\square ABCE$.

Now if the measure of BC be b ,

and AD ... h ,

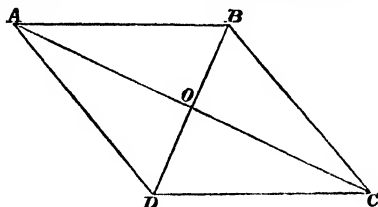
measure of area of $\square ABCE$ is bh ;

\therefore measure of area of $\triangle ABC$ is $\frac{bh}{2}$.

Area of a Rhombus.

Let $ABCD$ be the given rhombus.

Draw the diagonals AC and BD , cutting one another in O .



It is easy to prove that AC and BD bisect each other at right angles.

Then if the measure of AC be x ,

and BD ... y ,

measure of area of rhombus = twice measure of $\triangle ACD$.

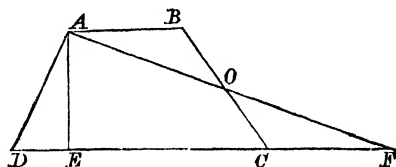
$$= \text{twice } \frac{xy}{4}$$

$$= \frac{xy}{2}.$$

Area of a Trapezium.

Let $ABCD$ be the given trapezium, having the sides AB , CD parallel.

Draw AE at right angles to CD .



Produce DC to F , making $CF = AB$.

Join AF , cutting BC in O .

Then in \triangle s AOB , COF ,

$\therefore \angle BAO = \angle CFO$, and $\angle AOB = \angle FOC$, and $AB = CF$;

$$\therefore \triangle COF = \triangle AOB. \quad \text{I. 26.}$$

Hence trapezium $ABCD = \triangle ADF$.

Now suppose the measures of AB , CD , AE to be m , n , p respectively;

$$\therefore \text{measure of } DF = m + n, \because CF = AB.$$

Then measure of area of trapezium

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\text{measure of } DF \times \text{measure of } AE)$$

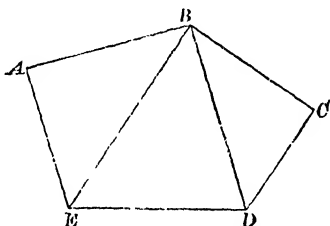
$$= \frac{1}{2} (m + n) \times p.$$

That is, the measure of the area of a trapezium is found by multiplying half the measure of the sum of the parallel sides by the measure of the perpendicular distance between the parallel sides.

Area of an Irregular Polygon.

There are three methods of finding the area of an irregular polygon, which we shall here briefly notice.

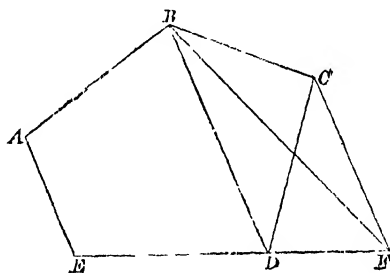
I. *The polygon may be divided into triangles, and the area of each of these triangles be found separately.*



Thus the area of the irregular polygon $ABCDE$ is equal to the sum of the areas of the triangles ABE , EBD , DBC .

II. *The polygon may be converted into a single triangle of equal area.*

If $ABCDE$ be a pentagon, we can convert it into an equivalent quadrilateral by the following process :



Join BD and draw CF parallel to BD , meeting ED produced in F , and join BF .

Then will quadrilateral $ABFE$ = pentagon $ABCDE$.

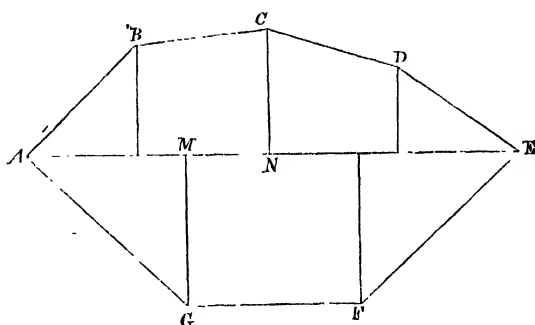
For $\triangle BDF = \triangle BCD$, on same base BD and between same parallels.

If, then, from the pentagon we remove $\triangle BCD$, and add $\triangle BDF$ to the remainder, we obtain a quadrilateral $ABFE$ equivalent to the pentagon $ABCDE$

The quadrilateral may then, by a similar process, be converted into an equivalent triangle, and thus a polygon of any number of sides may be gradually converted into an equivalent triangle.

The area of this triangle may then be found.

III. The third method is chiefly employed in practice by Surveyors.



Let $ABCDEFG$ be an irregular polygon.

Draw AE , the longest diagonal, and drop perpendiculars on AE from the other angular points of the polygon.

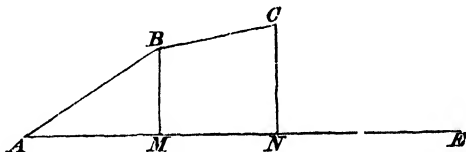
The polygon is thus divided into figures which are either right-angled triangles, rectangles, or trapeziums; and the areas of each of these figures may be readily calculated.

NOTE 7. *On Projections.*

The projection of a *point B*, on a straight line of unlimited length *AE*, is the point *M* at the foot of the perpendicular dropped from *B* on *AE*.

The projection of a *straight line BC*, on a straight line of unlimited length *AE*, is *MN*,—the part of *AE* intercepted between perpendiculars drawn from *B* and *C*.

When two lines, as *AB* and *AC*, form an angle, the projection of *AB* on *AC* is *AM*.



We might employ the term projection with advantage to shorten and make clearer the enunciations of Props. XII. and XIII. of Book II.

Thus the enunciation of Prop. XII. might be :—

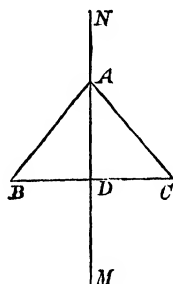
“In oblique-angled triangles, the square on the side subtending the obtuse angle is greater than the squares on the sides containing that angle, by twice the rectangle contained by one of these sides and the projection of the other on it.”

The enunciation of Prop. XIII. might be altered in a similar manner.

NOTE 8. *On Loci.*

Suppose we have to determine the position of a point, which is equidistant from the extremities of a given straight line BC .

There is an infinite number of points satisfying this condition, for the vertex of any isosceles triangle, described on BC as its base, is equidistant from B and C .



Let ABC be one of the isosceles triangles described on BC .

If BC be bisected in D , MN , a perpendicular to BC drawn through D , will pass through A .

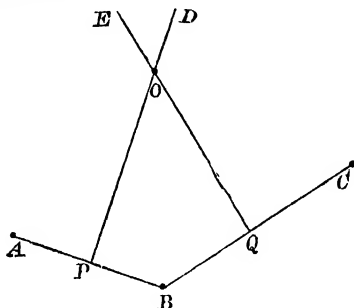
It is easy to shew that any point in MN , or MN produced in either direction, is equidistant from B and C .

It may also be proved that no point out of MN is equidistant from B and C .

The line MN is called the Locus of all the points, infinite in number, which are equidistant from B and C .

DEF. In plane Geometry *Locus* is the name given to a line, straight or curved, all of whose points satisfy a certain geometrical condition (or have a common property), to the exclusion of all other points,

Next, suppose we have to determine the position of a point, which is equidistant from three given points A, B, C , not in the same straight line.



If we join A and B , we know that all points equidistant from A and B lie in the line PD , which bisects AB at right angles.

If we join B and C , we know that all points equidistant from B and C lie in the line QE , which bisects BC at right angles.

Hence O , the point of intersection of PD and QE , is the only point equidistant from A, B and C .

PD is the Locus of points equidistant from A and B ,

QE B and C ,

and the Intersection of these Loci determines the point, which is equidistant from A, B and C .

Examples of Loci.

Find the loci of

- (1) Points at a given distance from a given point.
- (2) Points at a given distance from a given straight line.
- (3) The middle points of straight lines drawn from a given point to a given straight line.
- (4) Points equidistant from the arms of an angle.
- (5) Points equidistant from a given circle.
- (6) Points equally distant from two straight lines which intersect.

NOTE 9. *On the Methods employed in the solution of Problems.*

In the solution of Geometrical Exercises, certain methods may be applied with success to particular classes of questions.

We propose to make a few remarks on these methods, so far as they are applicable to the first two books of Euclid's Elements.

The Method of Synthesis.

In the Exercises, attached to the Propositions in the preceding pages, the construction of the diagram, necessary for the solution of each question, has usually been fully described, or sufficiently suggested.

The student has in most cases been required simply to apply the geometrical fact, proved in the Proposition preceding the exercise, in order to arrive at the conclusion demanded in the question.

This way of proceeding is called Synthesis ($\sigma\acute{\upsilon}\nu\theta\epsilon\sigma\iota\varsigma$ = composition), because in it we proceed by a regular chain of reasoning from what is *given* to what is *sought*. This being the method employed by Euclid throughout the Elements, we have no need to exemplify it here.

The Method of Analysis.

The solution of many Problems is rendered more easy by *supposing the problem solved and the diagram constructed*. It is then often possible to observe relations between lines, angles and figures in the diagram, which are suggestive of the steps by which the necessary construction might have been effected.

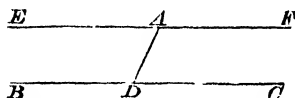
This is called the Method of Analysis ($\alpha\nu\acute{\alpha}\lambda\upsilon\sigma\iota\varsigma$ = resolution). It is a method of discovering truth by reasoning concerning things unknown or propositions merely supposed, as if the one were given or the other were really true. The process can best be explained by the following examples.

Our first example of the Analytical process shall be the 31st Proposition of Euclid's First Book.

Ex. 1. *To draw a straight line through a given point parallel to a given straight line.*

Let A be the given point, and BC be the given straight line.

Suppose the problem to be effected, and EF to be the straight line required.



Now we know that any straight line AD drawn from A to meet BC makes equal angles with EF and BC . (I. 29.)

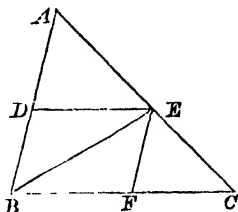
This is a fact from which we can work backward, and arrive at the steps necessary for the solution of the problem ; thus :

Take any point D in BC , join AD , make $\angle EAD = \angle ADC$, and produce EA to F : then EF must be parallel to BC .

Ex. 2. *To inscribe in a triangle a rhombus, having one of its angles coincident with an angle of the triangle.*

Let ABC be the given triangle.

Suppose the problem to be effected, and $DBFE$ to be the rhombus.



Then if EB be joined, $\angle DBE = \angle FBE$.

This is a fact from which we can work backward, and deduce the necessary construction ; thus :

Bisect $\angle ABC$ by the straight line BE , meeting AC in E .

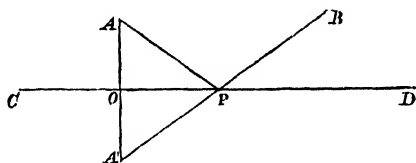
Draw ED and EF parallel to BC and AB respectively.

Then $DBFE$ is the rhombus required. (See Ex. 4, p. 59.)

Ex. 3. To determine the point in a given straight line, at which straight lines, drawn from two given points, on the same side of the given line, make equal angles with it.

Let CD be the given line, and A and B the given points.

Suppose the problem to be effected, and P to be the point required.



We then reason thus :

If BP were produced to some point A' ,

$\angle CPA'$, being $= \angle BPD$, will be $= \angle APC$.

Again, if PA' be made equal to PA ,

AA' will be bisected by CP at right angles.

This is a fact from which we can work backward, and find the steps necessary for the solution of the problem ; thus :

From A draw $AO \perp$ to CD .

Produce AO to A' , making $OA' = OA$.

Join BA' , cutting CD in P .

Then P is the point required.

NOTE 10. On Symmetry.

The problem, which we have just been considering, suggests the following remarks :

If two points, A and A' , be so situated with respect to a straight line CD , that CD bisects at right angles the straight line joining A and A' , then A and A' are said to be *symmetrical* with regard to CD .

The importance of symmetrical relations, as suggestive of methods for the solution of problems, cannot be fully shewn

to a learner, who is unacquainted with the properties of the circle. The following example, however, will illustrate this part of the subject sufficiently for our purpose at present.

Find a point in a given straight line, such that the sum of its distances from two fixed points on the same side of the line is a minimum, that is, less than the sum of the distances of any other point in the line from the fixed points.

Taking the diagram of the last example, suppose CD to be the given line, and A, B the given points.

Now if A and A' be symmetrical with respect to CD , we know that *every* point in CD is equally distant from A and A' . (See Note 8, p. 103.)

Hence the sum of the distances of any point in CD from A and B is equal to the sum of the distances of that point from A' and B .

But the sum of the distances of a point in CD from A' and B is the least possible when it lies in the straight line joining A' and B .

Hence the point P , determined as in the last example, is the point required.

NOTE. Propositions IX., X., XI., XII. of Book I. give good examples of symmetrical constructions.

NOTE 11. *Euclid's Proof of I. 5.*

The angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are equal to one another; and if the equal sides be produced, the angles upon the other side of the base shall be equal.

Let ABC be an isosceles Δ , having $AB = AC$.

Produce AB, AC to D and E .

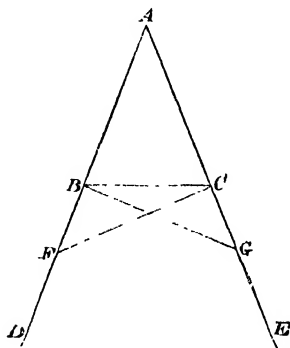
Then must $\angle ABC = \angle ACB$,

and $\angle DBC = \angle ECB$.

In BD take any pt. F .

From AE cut off $AG=AF$.

Join FC and GB .



Then in $\triangle s AFC, AGB$,

$\therefore FA=GA$, and $AC=AB$, and $\angle FAC=\angle GAB$,

$\therefore FC=GB$, and $\angle AFC=\angle AGB$, and $\angle ACF=\angle ABG$.

I. 4.

Again, $\therefore AF=AG$,

of which the parts AB, AC are equal,

\therefore remainder BF =remainder CG .

AX. 3.

Then in $\triangle s BFC, CGB$,

$\therefore BF=CG$, and $FC=GB$, and $\angle BFC=\angle CGB$.

$\therefore \angle FBC=\angle GCB$, and $\angle BCF=\angle CBG$,

I. 4.

Now it has been proved that $\angle ACF=\angle ABG$,

of which the parts $\angle BCF$ and $\angle CBG$ are equal;

\therefore remaining $\angle ACB$ =remaining $\angle ABC$.

AX. 3.

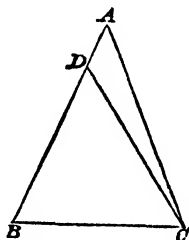
Also it has been proved that $\angle FBC=\angle GCB$,

that is,

$\angle DBC=\angle ECB$.

NOTE 12. *Euclid's Proof of I. 6.*

If two angles of a triangle be equal to one another, the sides also, which subtend the equal angles, shall be equal to one another.



In $\triangle ABC$ let $\angle ACB = \angle ABC$.

Then must $AB = AC$.

For if not, AB is either greater or less than AC .

Suppose AB to be greater than AC .

From AB cut off $BD = AC$, and join DC .

Then in $\triangle s DBC, ACB$,

$\therefore DB = AC$, and BC is common, and $\angle DBC = \angle ACB$,

$\therefore \triangle DBC = \triangle ACB$; I.*4.

that is, the less = the greater; which is absurd.

$\therefore AB$ is not greater than AC .

Similarly it may be shewn that AB is not less than AC ;

$\therefore AB = AC$.

Q. E. D.

NOTE 13. *Euclid's Proof of I. 7.*

Upon the same base and on the same side of it, there cannot be two triangles that have their sides which are terminated in one extremity of the base equal to one another, and their sides which are terminated in the other extremity of the base equal also.

If it be possible, on the same base AB , and on the same side of it, let there be two $\triangle s ACB, ADB$, such that $AC = AD$, and also $BC = BD$.

Join CD .

First, when the vertex of each of the Δ s is *outside* the other Δ (Fig. 1);

FIG. 1.

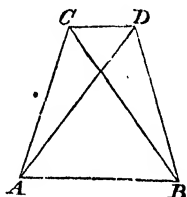
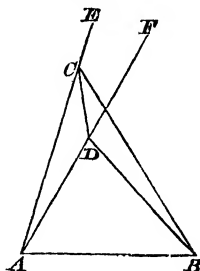


FIG. 2.



$$\therefore AD = AC,$$

$$\therefore \angle ACD = \angle ADC.$$

I. 5.

But $\angle ACD$ is greater than $\angle BCD$;

$\therefore \angle ADC$ is greater than $\angle BCD$;

much more is $\angle BDC$ greater than $\angle BCD$.

Again, $\therefore BC = BD,$

$$\therefore \angle BDC = \angle BCD,$$

that is, $\angle BDC$ is both equal to and greater than $\angle BCD$; which is absurd.

Secondly, when the vertex D of one of the Δ s falls *within* the other Δ (Fig. 2);

Produce AC and AD to E and F

Then $\therefore AC = AD.$

$$\therefore \angle ECD = \angle FDC.$$

I. 5.

But $\angle ECD$ is greater than $\angle BCD$;

$\therefore \angle FDC$ is greater than $\angle BCD$;

much more is $\angle BDC$ greater than $\angle BCD$.

Again, $\therefore BC = BD,$

$$\therefore \angle BDC = \angle BCD;$$

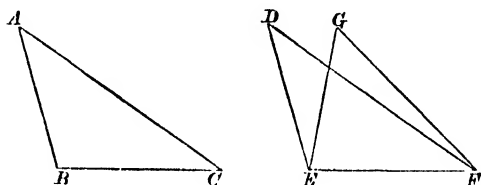
that is, $\angle BDC$ is both equal to and greater than $\angle BCD$; which is absurd.

Lastly, when the vertex D of one of the Δ s falls on a side BC of the other, it is plain that BC and BD cannot be equal.

Q. E. D.

NOTE 14. *Euclid's Proof of I. 8.*

If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other, each to each, and have likewise their bases equal, the angle which is contained by the two sides of the one must be equal to the angle contained by the two sides of the other.



Let the sides of the $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF be equal, each to each, that is, $AB = DE$, $AC = DF$ and $BC = EF$.

Then must $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.

Apply the $\triangle ABC$ to the $\triangle DEF$.

so that pt. B is on pt. E , and BC on EF .

Then $\therefore BC = EF$,

$\therefore C$ will coincide with F ,

and AC will coincide with EF .

Then AB and AC must coincide with DE and DF .

For if AB and AC have a different position, as GE , GF , then upon the same base and upon the same side of it there can be two $\triangle s$, which have their sides which are terminated in one extremity of the base equal, and their sides which are terminated in the other extremity of the base also equal: which is impossible. I. 7.

\therefore since base BC coincides with base EF ,

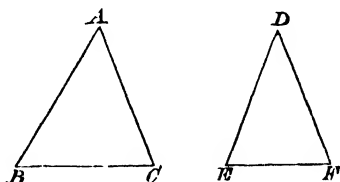
AB must coincide with DE , and AC with DF ;

$\therefore \angle BAC$ coincides with and is equal to $\angle EDF$.

NOTE 15. Another Proof of I. 24.

In the Δ s ABC , DEF , let $AB=DE$ and $AC=DF$, and let $\angle BAC$ be greater than $\angle EDF$.

Then must BC be greater than EF .



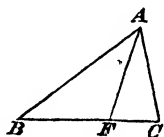
Apply the ΔDEF to the ΔABC
so that DE coincides with AB .

Then $\therefore \angle EDF$ is less than $\angle BAC$,
 DF will fall between BA and AC ,
and F will fall on, or above, or below, BC .

I. If F fall on BC ,

BF is less than BC ;

$\therefore EF$ is less than BC .



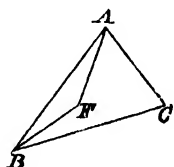
II. If F fall above BC ,

BF , FA together are less than
 BC , CA ,

and $FA=CA$;

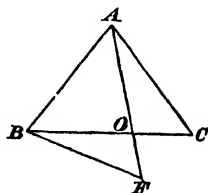
$\therefore BF$ is less than BC ;

$\therefore EF$ is less than BC .



III. If F fall below BC .

let AF cut BC in O .



Then BO , OF together are greater than BF , I. 20.

and OC , AO AC ; I. 20.

$\therefore BC$, AF BF , AC together,
and $AF=AC$,

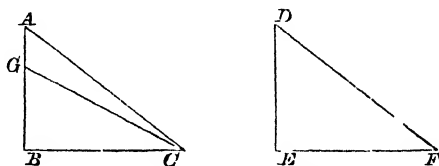
$\therefore BC$ is greater than BF ;

and $\therefore EF$ is less than BC .

Q. E. D.

NOTE 16. *Euclid's Proof of I. 26.*

If two triangles have two angles of the one equal to two angles of the other, each to each, and one side equal to one side, viz., either the sides adjacent to the equal angles, or the sides opposite to equal angles in each; then shall the other sides be equal, each to each; and also the third angle of the one to the third angle of the other.



In $\Delta s\ ABC, DEF,$

Let $\angle ABC = \angle DEF,$ and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE;$

and first,

Let the sides adjacent to the equal $\angle s$ in each be equal,
that is, let $BC = EF.$

Then must $AB = DE,$ and $AC = DF,$ and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF.$

For if AB be not $= DE,$ one of them must be the greater.

Let AB be the greater, and make $GB = DE,$ and join $GC.$

Then in $\Delta s\ GBC, DEF,$

$\because GB = DE,$ and $BC = EF,$ and $\angle GBC = \angle DEF,$

$\therefore \angle GCB = \angle DFE.$

I. 4.

But $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$ by hypothesis;

$\therefore \angle GCB = \angle ACB;$

that is, the less = the greater, which is impossible.

$\therefore AB$ is not greater than $DE.$

In the same way it may be shewn that AB is not less than $DE;$

$\therefore AB = DE.$

Then in $\Delta s\ ABC, DEF,$

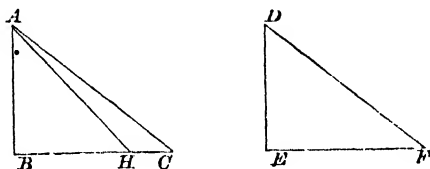
$\because AB = DE,$ and $BC = EF,$ and $\angle ABC = \angle DEF,$

$\therefore AC = DF,$ and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF.$

I. 4.

Next, let the sides which are opposite to equal angles in each triangle be equal, viz., $AB=DE$.

Then must $AC=DF$, and $BC=EF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.



For if BC be not $=EF$, let BC be the greater, and make $BH=EF$, and join AH .

Then in $\triangle s ABH, DEF$,

$\therefore AB=DE$, and $BH=EF$, and $\angle ABH = \angle DEF$,

$\therefore \angle AHB = \angle DFE$.

I. 4.

But $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$, by hypothesis,

$\therefore \angle AHB = \angle ACB$;

that is, the exterior \angle of $\triangle AHC$ is equal to the interior and opposite $\angle ACB$, which is impossible.

$\therefore BC$ is not greater than EF .

In the same way it may be shewn that BC is not less than EF ,

$\therefore BC=EF$.

Then in $\triangle s ABC, DEF$,

$\therefore AB=DE$, and $BC=EF$, and $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$,

$\therefore AC=DF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.

I. 4.

Q. E. D.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Books I. and II.

1. AB and CD are equal straight lines, bisecting one another at right angles. Shew that $ACBD$ is a square.

2. From a point in the side of a parallelogram draw a line dividing the parallelogram into two equal parts.

3. In the triangle FDC , if FCD be a right angle, and angle FDC be double of angle CFD , shew that FD is double of DC .

4. If ABC be an equilateral triangle, and AD, BE be perpendiculars to the opposite sides intersecting in F ; shew that the square on AB is equal to three times the square on AF .

5. Describe a rhombus, which shall be equal to a given triangle, and have each of its sides equal to one side of the triangle.

6. From a given point, outside a given straight line, draw a line making with the given line an angle equal to a given rectilineal angle.

7. If two straight lines be drawn from two given points to meet in a given straight line, shew that the sum of these lines is the least possible, when they make equal angles with the given line.

8. $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, whose diagonals AC, BD intersect in O ; shew that if the parallelograms $AOBP, DOCQ$ be completed, the straight line joining P and Q passes through O .

9. $ABCD, EBCF$ are two parallelograms on the same base BC , and so situated that CF passes through A . Join DF , and produce it to meet BE produced in K ; join FB , and prove that the triangle FAB equals the triangle FEK .

10. The alternate sides of a polygon are produced to meet; shew that all the angles at their points of intersection together with four right angles are equal to all the interior angles of the polygon.

11. Shew that the perimeter of a rectangle is always greater than that of the square equal to the rectangle.

12. Shew that the opposite sides of an equiangular hexagon are parallel, though they be not equal.

13. If two equal straight lines intersect each other anywhere at right angles, shew that the area of the quadrilateral formed by joining their extremities is invariable, and equal to one-half the square on either line.

14. Two triangles ACB , ADB are constructed on the same side of the same base AB . Shew that if $AC=BD$ and $AD=BC$, then CD is parallel to AB ; but if $AC=BC$ and $AD=BD$, then CD is perpendicular to AB .

15. AB is the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle ABC : find a point D in AB , such that DB may be equal to the perpendicular from D on AC .

16. Find the locus of the vertices of triangles of equal area on the same base, and on the same side of it.

17. Shew that the perimeter of an isosceles triangle is less than that of any triangle of equal area on the same base.

18. If each of the equal angles of an isosceles triangle be equal to one-fourth the vertical angle, and from one of them a perpendicular be drawn to the base, meeting the opposite side produced, then will the part produced, the perpendicular, and the remaining side, form an equilateral triangle.

19. If a straight line terminated by the sides of a triangle be bisected, shew that no other line terminated by the same two sides can be bisected in the same point.

20. Shew how to bisect a given quadrilateral by a straight line drawn from one of its angles.

21. Given the lengths of the two diagonals of a rhombus, construct it.

22. $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral figure: construct a triangle whose base shall be in the line AB , such that its altitude shall be equal to a given line, and its area equal to that of the quadrilateral.

23. If from any point in the base of an isosceles triangle perpendiculars be drawn to the sides, their sum will be equal to the perpendicular from either extremity of the base upon the opposite side.

24. If ABC be a triangle, in which C is a right angle, and DE be drawn from a point D in AC at right angles to AB , prove that the rectangles AB, AE and AC, AD are equal.

25. A line is drawn bisecting parallelogram $ABCD$, and meeting AD, BC in E and F : shew that the triangles EBF, CED are equal.

26. Upon the hypotenuse BC and the sides CA, AB of a right-angled triangle ABC , squares $BDEC, AF$ and AG are described: shew that the squares on DG and EF are together equal to five times the square on BC .

27. If from the vertical angle of a triangle three straight lines be drawn, one bisecting the angle, the second bisecting the base, and the third perpendicular to the base, shew that the first lies, both in position and magnitude, between the other two.

28. If ABC be a triangle, whose angle A is a right angle, and BE, CF be drawn bisecting the opposite sides respectively, shew that four times the sum of the squares on BE and CF is equal to five times the square on BC .

29. Let ACB, ADB be two right-angled triangles having a common hypotenuse AB . Join CD and on CD produced both ways draw perpendiculars AE, BF . Shew that the sum of the squares on CE and CF is equal to the sum of the squares on DE and DF .

30. In the base AC of a triangle take any point D : bisect AD, DC, AB, BC at the points E, F, G, H respectively. Shew that EG is equal and parallel to FH .

31. If AD be drawn from the vertex of an isosceles triangle ABC to a point D in the base, shew that the rectangle BD, DC is equal to the difference between the squares on AB and AD .

32. If in the sides of a square four points be taken at equal distances from the four angular points taken in order, the figure contained by the straight lines, which join them, shall also be a square.

33. If the sides of an equilateral and equiangular pentagon be produced to meet, shew that the sum of the angles at the points of meeting is equal to two right angles.

34. Describe a square that shall be equal to the difference between two given and unequal squares.

35. $ABCD$, $AECF$ are two parallelograms, EA , AD being in a straight line. Let FG , drawn parallel to AC , meet BA produced in G . Then the triangle ABE equals the triangle ADG .

36. From AC , the diagonal of a square $ABCD$, cut off AE equal to one-fourth of AC , and join BE , DE . Shew that the figure $BADE$ is equal to twice the square on AE .

37. If ABC be a triangle, with the angles at B and C each double of the angle at A , prove that the square on AB is equal to the square on BC together with the rectangle AB , BC .

38. If two sides of a quadrilateral be parallel, the triangle contained by either of the other sides and the two straight lines drawn from its extremities to the middle point of the opposite side is half the quadrilateral.

39. Describe a parallelogram equal to and equiangular with a given parallelogram, and having a given altitude.

40. If the sides of a triangle taken in order be produced to twice their original lengths, and the outer extremities be joined, the triangle so formed will be seven times the original triangle.

41. If one of the acute angles of a right-angled isosceles triangle be bisected, the opposite side will be divided by the bisecting line into two parts, such that the square on one will be double of the square on the other.

42. ABC is a triangle, right-angled at B , and BD is drawn perpendicular to the base, and is produced to E until ECB is a right angle; prove that the square on BC is equal to the sum of the rectangles AD , DC and BD , DE .

43. Shew that the sum of the squares on two unequal lines is greater than twice the rectangle contained by the lines.

44. From a given isosceles triangle cut off a trapezium, having the base of the triangle for one of its parallel sides, and having the other three sides equal.

45. If any number of parallelograms be constructed having their sides of given length, shew that the sum of the squares on the diagonals of each will be the same.

46. $ABCD$ is a right-angled parallelogram, and AB is double of BC ; on AB an equilateral triangle is constructed: shew that its area will be less than that of the parallelogram.

47. A point O is taken within a triangle ABC , such that the angles BOC , COA , AOB are equal; prove that the squares on BC , CA , AB are together equal to the rectangles contained by OB , OC ; OC , OA ; OA , OB ; and twice the sum of the squares on OA , OB , OC .

48. If the sides of an equilateral and equiangular hexagon be produced to meet, the angles formed by these lines are together equal to four right angles.

49. ABC is a triangle right-angled at A ; in the hypotenuse two points D , E are taken such that $BD=BA$ and $CE=CA$; shew that the square on DE is equal to twice the rectangle contained by BE , CD .

50. Given one side of a rectangle which is equal in area to a given square, find the other side.

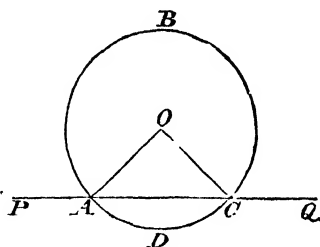
51. AB , AC are the two equal sides of an isosceles triangle; from B , BD is drawn perpendicular to AC , meeting it in D ; shew that the square on BD is greater than the square on CD by twice the rectangle AD , CD .

BOOK III.

POSTULATE.

A POINT is within, or without, a circle, according as its distance from the centre is less, or greater than, the radius of the circle.

DEF. I. A straight line, as PQ , drawn so as to cut a circle $ABCD$, is called a SECANT.

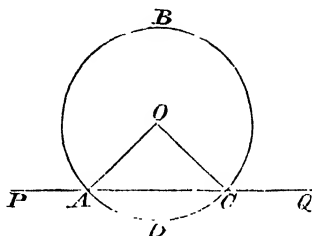


That such a line can only meet the circumference in *two* points may be shewn thus :

Some point within the circle is the centre ; let this be O . Join OA . Then (Ex. 1, i. 16) we can draw one, and only one, straight line from O , to meet the straight line PQ , such that it shall be equal to OA . Let this line be OC . Then A and C are the only points in PQ , which are on the circumference of the circle.

DEF. II. The portion AC of the secant PQ , intercepted by the circle, is called a **CHORD**.

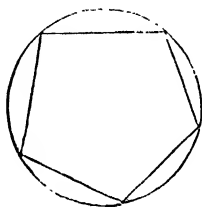
DEF. III. The two portions, into which a chord divides the circumference, as ABC and ADC , are called **ARCS**.



DEF. IV. The two figures into which a chord divides the circle, as ABC and ADC , that is, the figures, of which the boundaries are respectively the arc ABC and the chord AC , and the arc ADC and the chord AC , are called **SEGMENTS** of the circle.

DEF. V. The figure $AOCT$, whose boundaries are two radii and the arc intercepted by them, is called a **SECTOR**.

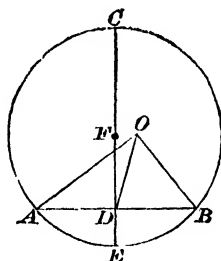
DEF. VI. A circle is said to be *described about* a rectilinear figure, when the circumference passes through each of the angular points of the figure.



And the figure is said to be *inscribed* in the circle.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM.

The line, which bisects a chord of a circle at right angles, must contain the centre.



Let ABC be the given \odot .

Let the st. line CE bisect the chord AB at rt. angles in D .

Then the centre of the \odot must lie in CE .

For if not, let O , a pt. out of CE , be the centre ;
and join OA , OD , OB .

Then, in $\triangle s$ ODA , ODB ,

$\therefore AD = BD$, and DO is common, and $OA = OB$;

$\therefore \angle ODA = \angle ODB$; I. c.

and $\therefore \angle ODB$ is a right \angle . I. Def. 9

But $\angle CDB$ is a right \angle , by construction ;

$\therefore \angle ODB = \angle CDB$, which is impossible ;

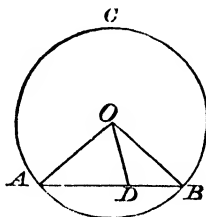
$\therefore O$ is not the centre.

Thus it may be shewn that no point, out of CE , can be the centre, and \therefore the centre must lie in CE .

COR. *If the chord CE be bisected in F , then F is the centre of the circle.*

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM.

If any two points be taken in the circumference of a circle, the straight line, which joins them, must fall within the circle.



Let A and B be any two pts. in the \odot of the $\odot ABC$.

Then must the st. line AB fall within the \odot .

Take any pt. D in the line AB .

Find O the centre of the \odot . III. 1, Cor.

Join OA , OD , OB .

Then $\therefore \angle OAB = \angle OBA$, I. 4.

and $\angle ODB$ is greater than $\angle OAB$, I. 16.

$\therefore \angle ODB$ is greater than $\angle OBA$;

and $\therefore OB$ is greater than OD . I. 19.

\therefore the distance of D from O is less than the radius of the \odot ,

and $\therefore D$ lies within the \odot . Post.

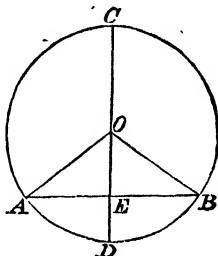
And the same may be shewn of any other pt. in AB .

$\therefore AB$ lies entirely within the \odot .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION III. THEOREM.

If a straight line, drawn through the centre of a circle, bisect a chord of the circle, which does not pass through the centre, it must cut it at right angles : and conversely, if it cut it at right angles, it must bisect it.



∴ In the $\odot ABC$, let the chord AB , which does not pass through the centre O , be bisected in E by the diameter CD .

Then must CD be \perp to AB .

Join OA, OB .

Then in $\triangle s AEO, BEO$,

$\therefore AE=BE$, and EO is common, and $OA=OB$,

$\therefore \angle OEA = \angle OEB$.

I. c.

Hence OE is \perp to AB ,

I. Def. 9.

that is, CD is \perp to AB .

Next let CD be \perp to AB .

Then must CD bisect AB .

For $\therefore OA=OB$, and OE is common,

in the right-angled $\triangle s AEO, BEO$,

$\therefore AE=BE$,

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that is, CD bisects AB .

Q. E. D.

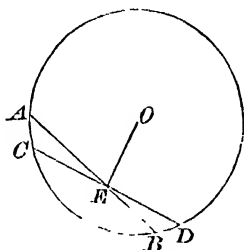
Ex. 1. Shew that, if CD does not cut AB at right angles, it cannot bisect it.

Ex. 2. A line, which bisects two parallel chords in a circle, is also perpendicular to them.

Ex. 3. Through a given point within a circle, which is not the centre, draw a chord which shall be bisected in that point.

PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM.

If in a circle two chords, which do not both pass through the centre, cut one another, they do not bisect each other.



Let the chords AB , CD , which do not both pass through the centre, cut one another, in the pt. E , in the $\odot ACBD$.

Then AB , CD do not bisect each other.

If one of them pass through the centre, it is plainly not bisected by the other, which does not pass through the centre.

But if neither pass through the centre, let, if it be possible, $AE = EB$ and $CE = ED$; find the centre O , and join OE .

Then $\because OE$, passing through the centre, bisects AB ,

$\therefore \angle OEA$ is a rt. \angle . III. 3.

And $\because OE$, passing through the centre, bisects CD ,

$\therefore \angle OEC$ is a rt. \angle ; III. 3.

$\therefore \angle OEA = \angle OEC$, which is impossible;

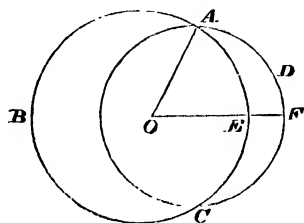
$\therefore AB$, CD do not bisect each other. Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that the locus of the points of bisection of all parallel chords of a circle is a straight line.

Ex. 2. Shew that no parallelogram, except those which are rectangular, can be inscribed in a circle.

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM.

If two circles cut one another, they cannot have the same centre.



If it be possible, let O be the common centre of the \odot s ABC , ADC , which cut one another in the pts. A and C .

- Join OA , and draw OEF meeting the \odot s in E and F .

Then $\because O$ is the centre of $\odot ABC$,

$$\therefore OE = OA ; \quad \text{I. Def. 13.}$$

and $\because O$ is the centre of $\odot ADC$,

$$\therefore OF = OA ; \quad \text{1. Def. 13.}$$

$\therefore OE = OF$, which is impossible ;

$\therefore O$ is not the common centre.

Q. E. D.

Ex. If two circles cut one another, shew that a line drawn through a point of intersection, terminated by the circumferences and parallel to the line joining the centres, is double of the line joining the centres.

NOTE. Circles which have the same centre are called *Concentric*.

NOTE 1. *On the Contact of Circles.*

DEF. VII. Circles are said to touch each other, which meet but do not cut each other.

One circle is said to touch another *internally*, when one point of the circumference of the former lies *on*, and no point *without*, the circumference of the other.

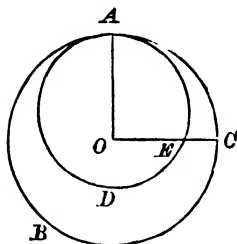
Hence for internal contact one circle must be smaller than the other.

Two circles are said to touch *externally*, when one point of the circumference of the one lies *on*, and no point *within* the circumference of the other.

N.B. No restriction is placed by these definitions on the number of points of contact, and it is not till we reach Prop. XVI. that we prove that there can be *but one point of contact*. . .

PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM.

If one circle touch another internally, they cannot have the same centre.



Let $\odot ADE$ touch $\odot ABC$ internally,

and let A be a point of contact.

Then *some* point E in the \odot ADE lies *within* $\odot ABC$.

Def. 7.

If it be possible, let O be the common centre of the two \odot s.

Join OA , and draw OEC , meeting the \odot es in E and C .

Then $\therefore O$ is the the centre of $\odot ABC$,

$$\therefore OA = OC; \quad \text{I. Def. 13.}$$

and $\therefore O$ is the centre of $\odot ADE$,

$$\therefore OA = OE. \quad \text{I. Def. 13.}$$

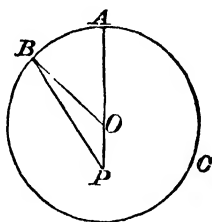
Hence $OE = OC$, which is impossible ;

$\therefore O$ is not the common centre of the two \odot s.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM.

If from any point within a circle, which is not the centre, straight lines be drawn to the circumference, the greatest of these lines is that which passes through the centre.



Let ABC be a \odot , of which O is the centre.

From P , any pt. within the \odot , draw the st. line PA , passing through O and meeting the \odot in A .

Then must PA be greater than any other st. line, drawn from P to the \odot ce.

For let PB be any other st. line, drawn from P to meet the \odot ce in B , and join BO .

Then $\because AO = BO$,

$\therefore AP = \text{sum of } BO \text{ and } OP.$

But the sum of BO and OP is greater than BP , I. 20.

and $\therefore AP$ is greater than BP .

Q. E. D.

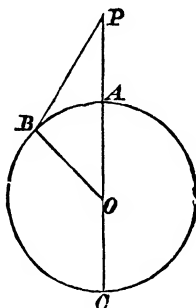
Ex. 1. If AP be produced to meet the circumference in D , shew that PD is less than any other straight line that can be drawn from P to the circumference.

Ex. 2. Shew that PB continually decreases, as B passes from A to D .

Ex. 3. Shew that two straight lines, but not three, that shall be equal, can be drawn from P to the circumference.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM.

If from any point without a circle straight lines be drawn to the circumference, the least of these lines is that which, when produced, passes through the centre, and the greatest is that which passes through the centre.



Let ABC be a \odot , of which O is the centre.

From P any pt. outside the \odot , draw the st. line $PAOC$, meeting the \odot in A and C .

Then must PA be less, and PC greater, than any other st. line drawn from P to the \odot .

For let PB be any other st. line drawn from P to meet the \odot in B , and join BO .

Then \therefore sum of PB and BO is greater than OP , I. 20.

\therefore sum of PB and BO is greater than sum of AP and AO .

But $BO = AO$;

$\therefore PB$ is greater than AP .

Again $\therefore PB$ is less than the sum of PO , OB , I. 20.

$\therefore PB$ is less than the sum of PO , OC ;

$\therefore PB$ is less than PC .

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that PB continually increases as B passes from A to C .

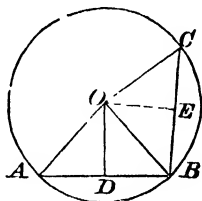
Ex. 2. Shew that from P two straight lines, but not three, that shall be equal, can be drawn to the circumference.

NOTE. From Props. VII. and VIII. we deduce the following Corollary, which we shall use in the proof of Props. XI. and XIII.

COR. If c point be taken, within or without a circle, of all straight lines drawn from it to the circumference, the greatest is that which meets the circumference after passing through the centre.

PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM.

If a point be taken within a circle, from which there fall more than two equal straight lines to the circumference, that point is the centre of the circle.



Let O be a pt. in the $\odot ABC$ from which more than two st. lines OA, OB, OC , drawn to the \odot ce, are equal.

Then must O be the centre of the \odot .

Join AB, BC , and draw $OD, OE \perp$ to AB, BC .

Then $\because OA = OB$, and OD is common,

in the right-angled $\triangle s AOD, BOD$,

$$\therefore AD = DB;$$

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\therefore the centre of the \odot is in DO .

III. 1.

Similarly it may be shown that

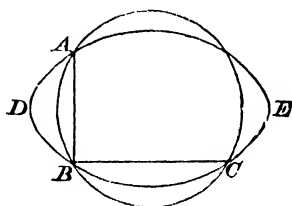
the centre of the \odot is EO ;

$\therefore O$ is the centre of the \odot .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION X. THEOREM.

Two circles cannot have more than two points common to both, without coinciding entirely.



If it be possible, let ABC and ADE be two \odot s which have more than two pts. in common, as A, B, C .

Join AB, BC .

Then $\because AB$ is a chord of each circle,

\therefore the centre of each circle lies in the straight line, which bisects AB at right angles ; III. 1.

and $\because BC$ is a chord of each circle,

\therefore the centre of each circle lies in the straight line, which bisects BC at right angles. III. 1.

\therefore the centre of each circle is the point, in which the two straight lines, which bisect AB and BC at right angles, meet.

\therefore the \odot s ABC, ADE have a common centre, which is impossible ; III. 5 and 6.

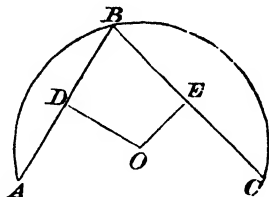
\therefore two \odot s cannot have more than two pts. common to both.

Q. E. D.

NOTE. We here insert two Propositions, Eucl. III. 25 and IV. 5, which are closely connected with Theorems I. and X. of this book. The learner should compare with this portion of the subject the note on Loci, p. 103.

PROPOSITION A. PROBLEM. (Eucl. III. 25.)

An arc of a circle being given, to complete the circle of which it is a part.



Let ABC be the given arc.

It is required to complete the \odot of which ABC is a part.

Take B , any pt. in arc ABC , and join AB , BC .

From D and E , the middle pts. of AB and BC ,

draw DO , EO , \perp s to AB , BC , meeting in O .

Then $\because AB$ is to be a chord of the \odot ,

\therefore centre of the \odot lies in DO ; III. 1.

and $\because BC$ is to be a chord of the \odot ,

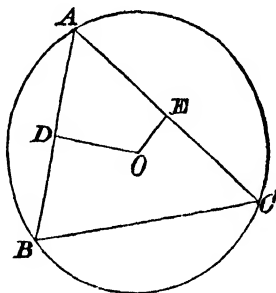
\therefore centre of the \odot lies in EO . III. 1.

Hence O is the centre of the \odot of which ABC is an arc, and if a \odot be described, with centre O and radius OA , this will be the \odot required.

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION B. PROBLEM. (Eucl. iv. 5.)

To describe a circle about a given triangle.



Let ABC be the given Δ .

It is required to describe a \odot about the Δ .

From D and E , the middle pts. of AB and AC , draw DO , EO , \perp s to AB , AC , and let them meet in O .

Then $\because AB$ is to be a chord of the \odot ,

\therefore centre of the \odot lies in DO . III. 1.

And $\because AC$ is to be a chord of the \odot ,

\therefore centre of the \odot lies in EO . III. 1.

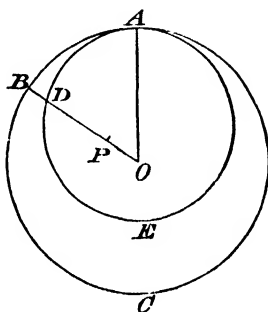
Hence O is the centre of the \odot which can be described about the Δ , and if a \odot be described with centre O and radius OA , this will be the \odot required.

Q. E. F.

Ex. If BAC be a right angle, show that O will coincide with the middle point of BC .

PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM.

If one circle touch another internally at any point, the centre of the interior circle must lie in that radius of the other circle which passes through that point of contact.



Let the $\odot ADE$ touch the $\odot ABC$ internally, and let A be a pt. of contact.

Find O the centre of $\odot ABC$, and join OA .

Then must the centre of $\odot ADE$ lie in the radius OA .

For if not, let P be the centre of $\odot ADE$.

Join OP , and produce it to meet the \odot es in D and B .

Then $\because P$ is the centre of $\odot ADE$, and from O are drawn to the \odot e of ADE the st. lines OA , OD , of which OD passes through P ,

$\therefore OD$ is greater than OA . III. 8, Cor.

But $OA = OB$,

$\therefore OD$ is greater than OB ,

which is impossible. '

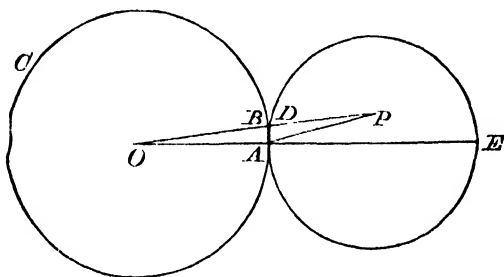
\therefore the centre of $\odot ADE$ is not out of the radius OA .

\therefore it lies in OA .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM.

If two circles touch one another externally at any point, the straight line joining the centre of one with that point of contact must when produced pass through the centre of the other.



Let $\odot ABC$ touch $\odot ADE$ externally at the pt. A .

Let O be the centre of $\odot ABC$.

Join OA , and produce it to E .

Then must the centre of $\odot ADE$ lie in AE .

For if not, let P be the centre of $\odot ADE$.

Join OP meeting the \odot s in B, D ; and join AP .

Then $\because OB = OA$,

and $PD = AP$,

$\therefore OB$ and PD together $= OA$ and AP together;

$\therefore OP$ is not less than OA and AP together.

But OP is less than OA and AP together, I. 20.

which is impossible;

\therefore the centre of $\odot ADE$ cannot lie out of AE .

Q. E. D.

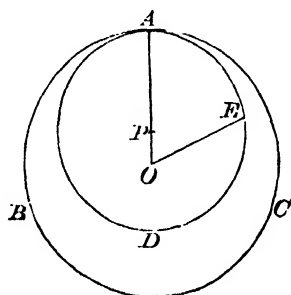
Ex. Three circles touch one another externally, whose centres are A, B, C . Shew that the difference between AB and AC is half as great as the difference between the diameters of the circles, whose centres are B and C .

PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM.

One circle cannot touch another at more points than one, whether it touch it internally or externally

First let the $\odot ADE$ touch the $\odot ABC$ internally at pt. A .

Then there can be no other point of contact.



Take O the centre of $\odot ABC$

Then P , the centre of $\odot ADE$, lies in OA . III. 11.

Take any pt. E in the \odot ce of the $\odot ADE$, and join OE .

Then \therefore from O , a pt. within or without the $\odot ADE$, two lines OA , OE are drawn to the \odot ce, of which OA passes through the centre P ,

$\therefore OA$ is greater than OE , III. 8, Cor.

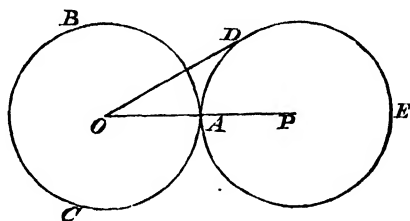
and $\therefore E$ is a point *within* the $\odot ABC$. Post.

Similarly it may be shewn that every pt. of the \odot ce of the $\odot ADE$, except A , lies *within* the $\odot ABC$;

$\therefore A$ is the only point at which the \odot s meet.

Next, let the \odot s ABC , ADE touch *externally* at the pt. A .

Then there can be no other point of contact.



Take O the centre of the $\odot ABC$.

Then P , the centre of the $\odot ADE$, lies in OA produced.

III. 12.

Take any pt. D in the \odot ce of the $\odot ADE$, and join OD .

Then \therefore from O , a pt. without the $\odot ADE$, two lines OA , OD are drawn to the \odot ce, of which OA when produced passes through the centre P ,

$\therefore OD$ is greater than OA ; III. 8.

$\therefore D$ is a point *without* the $\odot ABC$. Post.

Similarly, it may be shewn that every pt. of the \odot ce of ADE , except A , lies *without* the $\odot ABC$;

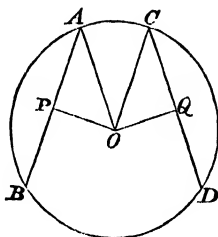
$\therefore A$ is the only point at which the \odot s meet.

Q. E. D.

DEF. VIII. The **DISTANCE** of a chord from the centre is measured by the length of the perpendicular drawn from the centre to the chord.

PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM.

Equal chords in a circle are equally distant from the centre ; and conversely, those which are equally distant from the centre, are equal to one another.



Let the chords AB , CD in the $\odot ABDC$ be equal.

Then must AB and CD be equally distant from the centre O .

Draw OP and $OQ \perp$ to AB and CD ; and join AO , CO .

Then P and Q are the middle pts. of AB and CD : III. 3.

and $\therefore AB = CD$, $\therefore AP = CQ$.

Then $\therefore AP = CQ$, and $AO = CO$,

in the right-angled \triangle s AOP , COQ ,

$\therefore OP = OQ$;

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and $\therefore AB$ and CD are equally distant from O . Def. 8.

Next, let AB and CD be equally distant from O .

Then must $AB = CD$.

For $\therefore OP = OQ$, and $AO = CO$,

in the right-angled \triangle s AOP , COQ ,

$\therefore AP = CQ$,

I. E. Cor.

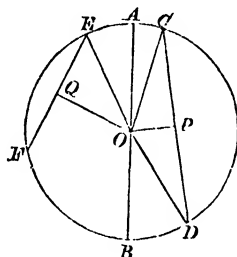
and $\therefore AB = CD$.

Q. E. D.

Ex. In a circle, whose diameter is 10 inches, a chord is drawn, which is 8 inches long. If another chord be drawn, at a distance of 3 inches from the centre, shew whether it is equal or not to the former.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM.

The diameter is the greatest chord in a circle, and of all others that which is nearer to the centre is always greater than one more remote; and the greater is nearer to the centre than the less.



Let AB be a diameter of the $\odot ABDC$, whose centre is O , and let CD be any other chord, not a diameter, in the \odot , nearer to the centre than the chord EF .

Then must AB be greater than CD , and CD greater than EF .

Draw OP , $OQ \perp$ to CD and EF ; and join OC , OD , OE .

Then $\because AO=CO$, and $OB=OD$, I. Def. 13.

$\therefore AB = \text{sum of } CO \text{ and } OD$,

and $\therefore AB$ is greater than CD . I. 20.

Again, $\because CD$ is nearer to the centre than EF ,

$\therefore OP$ is less than OQ . Def. 8.

Now $\because \text{sq. on } OC = \text{sq. on } OE$,

$\therefore \text{sum of sqq. on } OP, PC = \text{sum of sqq. on } OQ, QE$. I. 47.

But sq. on OP is less than sq. on OQ ;

$\therefore \text{sq. on } PC$ is greater than sq. on QE ;

$\therefore PC$ is greater than QE ;

and $\therefore CD$ is greater than EF .

Next, let CD be greater than EF .

Then must CD be nearer to the centre than EF .

For $\because CD$ is greater than EF ,

$\therefore PC$ is greater than QE .

Now the sum of sqq. on OP , PC = sum of sqq. on OQ , QE .

But sq. on PC is greater than sq. on QE ;

\therefore sq. on OP is less than sq. on OQ ;

$\therefore OP$ is less than OQ ;

and $\therefore CD$ is nearer to the centre than EF .

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Draw a chord of given length in a given circle, which shall be bisected by a given chord.

Ex. 2. If two isosceles triangles be of equal altitude, and the sides of one be equal to the sides of the other, shew that their bases must be equal.

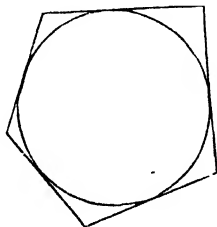
Ex. 3. Any two chords of a circle, which cut a diameter in the same point and at equal angles, are equal to one another.

DEF. IX. A straight line is said to be a **TANGENT** to, or to *touch*, a circle, when it meets and, being produced, does not cut the circle.

From this definition it follows that the tangent meets the circle in one point only, for if it met the circle in two points it would cut the circle, since the line joining two points in the circumference is, being produced, a secant. (III. 2.)

DEF. X. If from any point in a circle a line be drawn at right angles to the tangent at that point, the line is called a **NORMAL** to the circle at that point.

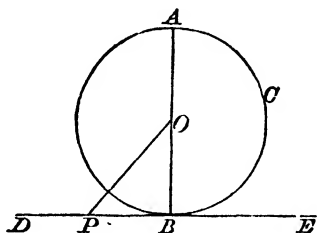
DEF. XI. A rectilinear figure is said to be *described about* a circle, when each side of the figure touches the circle.



And the circle is said to be *inscribed* in the figure.

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM.

The straight line drawn at right angles to the diameter of a circle, from the extremity of it, is a tangent to the circle.



Let ABC be a \odot , of which the centre is O , and the diameter AOB .

Through B draw DE at right angles to AOB . I. 11.

Then must DE be a tangent to the \odot .

Take any point P in DE , and join OP .

Then, $\because \angle OBP$ is a right angle,

$\therefore \angle OPB$ is less than a right angle, I. 17.

and $\therefore OP$ is greater than OB . I. 19.

Hence P is a point without the $\odot ABC$. Post.

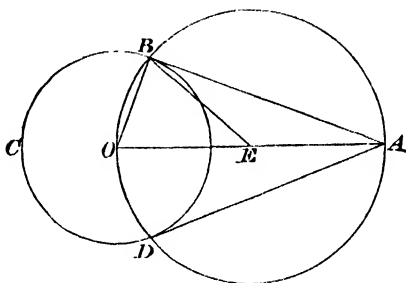
In the same way it may be shewn that every point in DE , or DE produced in either direction, except the point B , lies without the \odot ;

$\therefore DE$ is a tangent to the \odot . Def. 9.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVII. PROBLEM.

To draw a straight line from a given point, either WITHOUT or ON the circumference, which shall touch a given circle.



Let A be the given pt., without the $\odot BCD$.

Take O the centre of $\odot BCD$, and join OA .

Bisect OA in E , and with centre E and radius EO describe $\odot ABOD$, cutting the given \odot in B and D .

Join AB, AD . These are tangents to the $\odot BCD$.

Join BO, BE .

Then $\because OE = BE, \therefore \angle OBE = \angle BOE$; I. A.

$\therefore \angle AEB = \text{twice } \angle OBE$; I. 32.

and $\because AE = BE, \therefore \angle ABE = \angle BAE$; I. A.

$\therefore \angle OEB = \text{twice } \angle ABE$; I. 32.

\therefore sum of $\angle s AEB, OEB = \text{twice sum of } \angle s OBE, ABE$,
that is, two right angles = twice $\angle OBA$;

$\therefore \angle OBA$ is a right angle,

and $\therefore AB$ is a tangent to the $\odot BCD$. III. 16.

Similarly it may be shewn that AD is a tangent to $\odot BCD$.

Next, let the given pt. be on the \odot of the \odot , as B .

Then, if BA be drawn \perp to the radius OB ,

BA is a tangent to the \odot at B . III. 16.

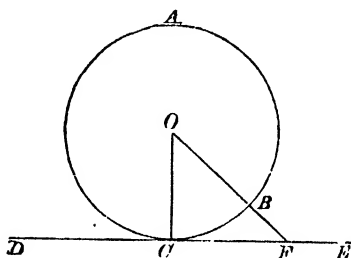
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that the two tangents, drawn from a point without the circumference to a circle, are equal.

Ex. 2. If a quadrilateral $ABCD$ be described about a circle, shew that the sum of AB and CD is equal to the sum of AD and BC .

PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM.

If a straight line touch a circle, the straight line drawn from the centre to the point of contact must be perpendicular to the line touching the circle.



Let the st. line DE touch the $\odot ABC$ in the pt. C .

Find O the centre, and join OC .

Then must OC be \perp to DE .

For if it be not, draw $OFF' \perp$ to DE , meeting the \odot in B .

Then $\therefore \angle OFC$ is a rt. angle,

$\therefore \angle OCF$ is less than a rt. angle, I. 17.

and $\therefore OC$ is greater than OF . I. 19.

But $OC = OB$,

$\therefore OB$ is greater than OF , which is impossible ;

$\therefore OF$ is not \perp to DE , and in the same way it may be shewn that no other line drawn from O , but OC , is \perp to DE ;

$\therefore OC$ is \perp to DE .

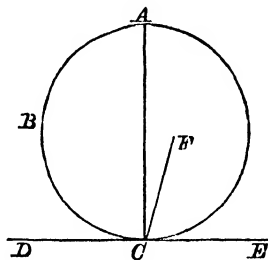
Q. E. D.

EX. If two straight lines intersect, the centres of all circles touched by both lines lie in two lines at right angles to each other.

NOTE. Prop. XVIII. might be stated thus :—*All radii of a circle are normals to the circle at the points where they meet the circumference.*

PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM.

If a straight line touch a circle, and from the point of contact a straight line be drawn at right angles to the touching line, the centre of the circle must be in that line.



Let the st. line DE touch the $\odot ABC$ at the pt. C , and from C let CA be drawn \perp to DE .

Then must the centre of the \odot be in CA .

For if not, let F be the centre, and join FC .

Then $\because DCE$ touches the \odot , and FC is drawn from centre to pt. of contact,

$\therefore \angle FCE$ is a rt. angle. III. 18.

But $\angle ACE$ is a rt. angle.

$\therefore \angle FCE = \angle ACE$, which is impossible.

In the same way it may be shewn that no pt. out of CA can be the centre of the \odot ;

\therefore the centre of the \odot lies in CA .

Q. E. D.

Ex. Two concentric circles being described, if a chord of the greater touch the less, the parts of the chord, intercepted between the two circles, are equal.

NOTE. Prop. XIX. might be stated thus:—*Every normal to a circle passes through the centre.*

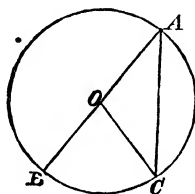
PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM.

The angle at the centre of a circle is double of the angle at the circumference, subtended by the same arc.

Let ABC be a \odot , O the centre,
 BC any arc, A any pt. in the \odot ce.

Then must $\angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$.

First, suppose O to be in one of the lines containing the $\angle BAC$.



Then $\because OA = OC$,

$\therefore \angle OCA = \angle OAC$; I. 1.

\therefore sum of \angle s $OCA, OAC = \text{twice } \angle OAC$.

But $\angle BOC = \text{sum of } \angle$ s OCA, OAC , I. 32.

$\therefore \angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle OAC$.

that is, $\angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$.

Next, suppose O to be within (fig 1), or without (fig. 2) the $\angle BAC$.

Fig 1.

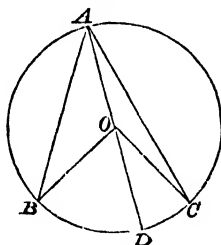
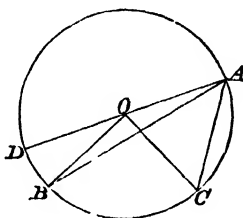


Fig 2



Join AO , and produce it to meet the \bigcirc in D .

Then, as in the first case,

$$\angle COD = \text{twice } \angle CAD,$$

$$\text{and } \angle BOD = \text{twice } \angle BAD;$$

\therefore , fig. 1, sum of \angle s COD , BOD = twice sum of \angle s CAD , BAD ,

$$\text{that is, } \angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC.$$

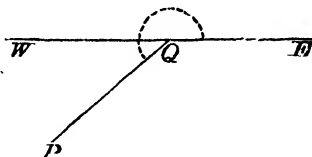
And, fig. 2, difference of \angle s COD , BOD = twice difference of \angle s CAD , BAD , that is, $\angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$.

Q. E. D

Ex. From any point in a straight line, touching a circle, a straight line is drawn through the centre, and is terminated by the circumference; the angle between these two straight lines is bisected by a straight line, which intersects the straight line joining their extremities. Shew that the angle between the last two lines is half a right angle.

NOTE 2. *On Flat and Reflex Angles.*

We have already explained (Note 3, Book I., p. 28) how Euclid's definition of an angle may be extended with advantage, so as to include the conception of an angle equal to two right angles: and we now proceed to shew how the Definition given in that Note may be extended, so as to embrace angles greater than two right angles.



Let WQ be a straight line, and QE its continuation.

Then, by the Definition, the angle made by WQ and QE , which we propose to call a **FLAT ANGLE**, is equal to two right angles.

Now suppose QP to be a straight line, which revolves about the fixed point Q , and which at first coincides with QE .

When QP , revolving from right to left, coincides with QW , it has described an angle equal to two right angles.

When QP has continued its revolution, so as to come into the position indicated in the diagram, it has described an angle EQP , indicated by the dotted line, greater than two right angles, and this we call a **REFLEX ANGLE**.

To assist the learner, we shall mark these angles with dotted lines in the diagrams.

Admitting the existence of angles, equal to and greater than two right angles, the Proposition last proved may be extended, as we now proceed to shew.

PROPOSITION C. THEOREM.

The angle, not less than two right angles, at the centre of a circle is double of the angle at the circumference, subtended by the same arc.

Fig. 1.

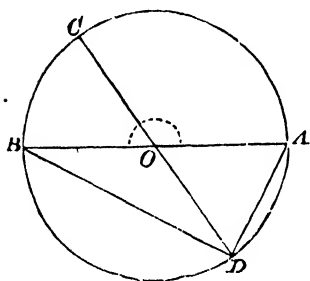
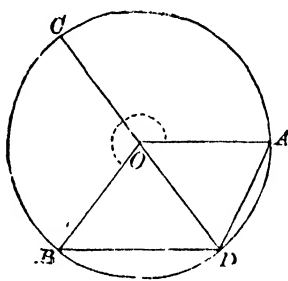


Fig. 2.



In the $\odot ACBD$, let the angles AOB (not less than two right angles) at the centre, and ADB at the circumference, be subtended by the same arc ACB .

Then must $\angle AOB = \text{twice } \angle ADB$.

Join DO , and produce it to meet the arc ACB in E .

Then $\because \angle AOE = \text{twice } \angle ADE$, III. 20.

and $\angle BOE = \text{twice } \angle BDE$, III. 20.

\therefore sum of $\angle s AOE, BOE = \text{twice sum of } \angle s ADE, BDE$,

that is, $\angle AOB = \text{twice } \angle ADB$.

Q. E. D.

NOTE. In fig. 1, $\angle AOB$ is drawn a flat angle,
and in fig. 2, $\angle AOB$ is drawn a reflex angle.

DEF. XII. The angle in a segment is the angle contained by two straight lines drawn from any point in the arc to the extremities of the chord,

PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM.

The angles in the same segment of a circle are equal to one another.

Fig. 1.

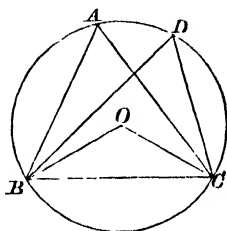
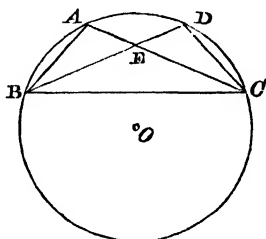


Fig. 2.



Let BAC , BDC be angles in the same segment $BADC$.

Then must $\angle BAC = \angle BDC$.

First, when segment $BADC$ is greater than a semicircle,

From O , the centre, draw OB , OC . (Fig. 1.)

Then, $\therefore \angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$, III. 20.

and $\angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle BDC$, III. 20.

$\therefore \angle BAC = \angle BDC$.

Next, when segment $BADC$ is less than a semicircle,

Let E be the pt. of intersection of AC , DB . (Fig. 2.)

Then $\therefore \angle ABE = \angle DCE$, by the first case,

and $\angle BEA = \angle CED$, I. 15.

$\therefore \angle EAB = \angle EDC$, I. 32.

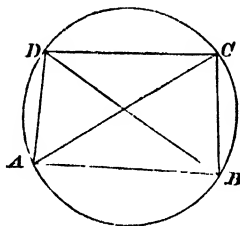
that is, $\angle BAC = \angle BDC$. Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. Shew that, by assuming the possibility of an angle being greater than two right angles, both the cases of this proposition may be included in one.

Ex. 2. If two straight lines, whose extremities are in the circumference of a circle, cut one another, the triangles formed by joining their extremities are equiangular to each other.

PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM.

The opposite angles of any quadrilateral figure, inscribed in a circle, are together equal to two right angles.



Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral fig. inscribed in a \odot .

Then must each pair of its opposite \angle s be together equal to two rt. \angle s.

Draw the diagonals AC , BD .

Then $\therefore \angle ADB = \angle ACB$, in the same segment, III. 21.

and $\angle BDC = \angle BAC$, in the same segment; III. 21.

\therefore sum of \angle s ADB , BDC = sum of \angle s ACB , BAC ;

that is, $\angle ADC$ = sum of \angle s ACB , BAC .

Add to each $\angle ABC$.

Then \angle s ADC , ABC together = sum of \angle s ACB , BAC , ABC ;

and $\therefore \angle$ s ADC , ABC together = two right \angle s. I. 32.

Similarly, it may be shewn,

that \angle s BAD , BCD together = two right \angle s.

Q. E. D.

NOTE.—Another method of proving this proposition is given on page 177.

Ex. 1. If one side of a quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle be produced, the exterior angle is equal to the opposite angle of the quadrilateral.

Ex. 2. If the sides AB , DC of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle be produced to meet in E , then the triangles EBC , EAD will be equiangular.

Ex. 3. Shew that a circle cannot be described about a rhombus.

Ex. 4. The lines, bisecting any angle of a quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle and the opposite exterior angle, meet in the circumference of the circle.

Ex. 5. AB , a chord of a circle, is the base of an isosceles triangle, whose vertex C is without the circle, and whose equal sides meet the circle in D , E : shew that CD is equal to CE .

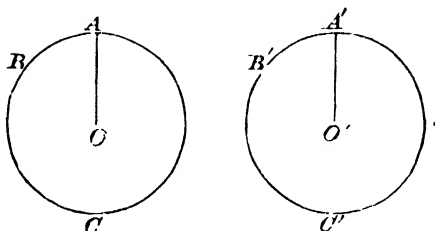
Ex. 6. If in any quadrilateral the opposite angles be together equal to two right angles, a circle may be described about that quadrilateral.

Propositions XXIII. and XXIV., not being required in the method adopted for proving the subsequent Propositions in this book, are removed to the Appendix. Proposition XXV. has been already proved.

NOTE 3. *On the Method of Superposition, as applied to Circles.*

In Props. XXVI. XXVII. XXVIII. XXIX. we prove certain relations existing between chords, arcs, and angles in equal circles. As we shall employ the Method of Superposition, we must state the principles which render this method applicable, as a test of equality, in the case of figures with circular boundaries.

DEF. XIII. *Equal circles are those, of which the radii are equal.*



For suppose ABC , $A'B'C'$ to be circles, of which the radii are equal.

Then if $\odot A'B'C'$ be applied to $\odot ABC$, so that O' , the centre of $A'B'C'$, coincides with O , the centre of ABC , it is evident that any *particular* point A' in the \odot ce of the former must coincide with *some* point A in \odot ce of the latter, because of the equality of the radii $O'A'$ and OA .

Hence \odot ce $A'B'C'$ must coincide with \odot ce ABC ,
that is, $\odot A'B'C' = \odot ABC$.

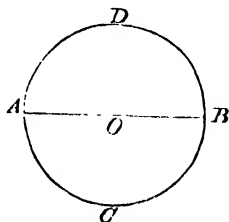
Further, when we have applied the circle $A'B'C'$ to the circle ABC , so that the centres coincide, we may imagine ABC to remain fixed, while $A'B'C'$ revolves round the common centre. Hence we may suppose any particular point B' in the circumference of $A'B'C'$ to be made to coincide with any particular point B in the circumference of ABC .

Again, any radius $O'A'$ of the circle $A'B'C'$ may be made to coincide with any radius OA of the circle ABC .

Also, if $A'B'$ and AB be equal arcs, they may be made to coincide.

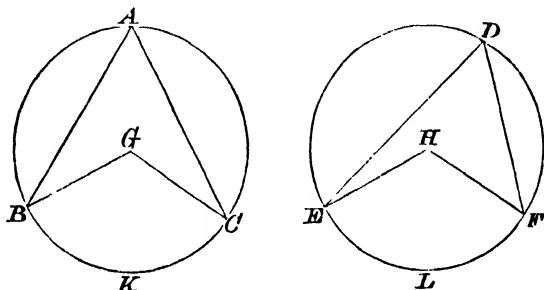
Again, every diameter of a circle divides the circle into equal segments.

For let AOB be a diameter of the circle $ACBD$, of which O is the centre. Suppose the segment ACB to be applied to the segment ADB , so as to keep AB a common boundary: then the arc ACB must coincide with the arc ADB , because every point in each is equally distant from O .



PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM.

In equal circles, the arcs, which subtend equal angles, whether they be at the centres or at the circumferences, must be equal.



Let ABC, DEF be equal circles, and let $\angle s BGC, EHF$ at their centres, and $\angle s BAC, EDF$ at their \odot ces, be equal.

Then must arc $BKC = \text{arc } ELF$.

For, if $\odot ABC$ be applied to $\odot DEF$,

so that G coincides with H , and GB falls on HE ,

then, $\because GB = HE$, $\therefore B$ will coincide with E .

And $\because \angle BGC = \angle EHF$, $\therefore GC$ will fall on HF ;

and $\because GC = HF$, $\therefore C$ will coincide with F .

Then $\because B$ coincides with E and C with F ,

\therefore arc BKC will coincide with and be equal to arc ELF .

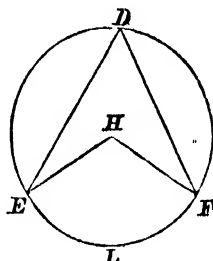
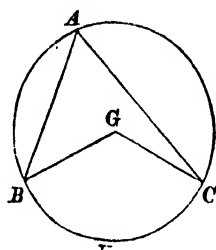
Q. E. D.

Cor. Sector $BGCK$ is equal to sector $EHFL$.

NOTE. This and the three following Propositions are, and will hereafter be assumed to be, true for *the same circle* as well as for *equal circles*.

PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM.

In equal circles, the angles, which are subtended by equal arcs, whether they are at the centres or at the circumferences, must be equal.



Let ABC, DEF be equal circles, and let $\angle s BGC, EHF$ at their centres, and $\angle s BAC, EDF$ at their \bigcirc ces, be subtended by equal arcs BKC, ELF .

Then must $\angle BGC = \angle EHF$, and $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$.

For, if $\odot ABC$ be applied to $\odot DEF$,
so that G coincides with H , and GB falls on HE ,
then $\because GB = HE, \therefore B$ will coincide with E ;
and $\because \text{arc } BKC = \text{arc } ELF, \therefore C$ will coincide with F .
Hence, GC will coincide with HF .

Then $\because BG$ coincides with EH , and GC with HF ,
 $\therefore \angle BGC$ will coincide with and be equal to $\angle EHF$.

Again, $\because \angle BAC = \text{half of } \angle BGC,$ III. 20.

and $\angle EDF = \text{half of } \angle EHF,$ III. 20.

$\therefore \angle BAC = \angle EDF.$ I. Ax. 7.

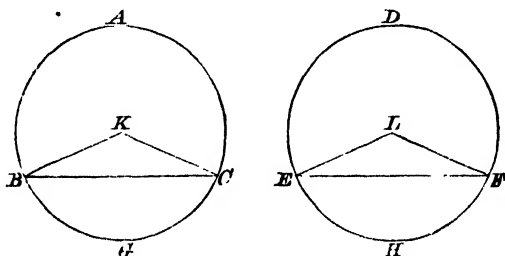
Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. If, in a circle, AB, CD be two arcs of given magnitude, and AC, BD be joined to meet in E , shew that the angle AEB is invariable.

Ex. 2. The straight lines joining the extremities of the chords of two equal arcs of the same circle, towards the same parts, are parallel to each other.

PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM.

In equal circles, the arcs, which are subtended by equal chords, must be equal, the greater to the greater, and the less to the less.



Let ABC , DEF be equal circles, and BC , EF equal chords, subtending the major arcs BAC , EDF , and the minor arcs BGC , EHF .

Then must arc $BAC = \text{arc } EDF$, and arc $BGC = \text{arc } EHF$.

Take the centres K , L , and join KB , KC , LE , LF .

Then $\because KB = LE$, and $KC = LF$, and $BC = EF$,
 $\therefore \angle BKC = \angle ELF$.

I. c.

Hence, if $\odot ABC$ be applied to $\odot DEF$,
 so that K coincides with L , and KB falls on LE ,
 then $\because \angle BKC = \angle ELF$, $\therefore KC$ will fall on LF ;
 and $\because KC = LF$, $\therefore C$ will coincide with F .

Then $\because B$ coincides with E , and C with F ,
 \therefore arc BAC will coincide with and be equal to arc EDF ,
 and arc BGC EHF .

Q. E. D.

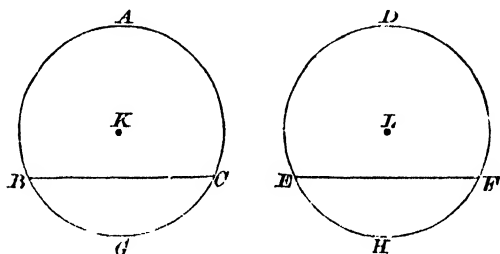
Ex. 1. If, in a circle $ABCD$, the chord AB be equal to the chord DC , AD must be parallel to BC .

Ex. 2. If a straight line, drawn from A the middle point of an arc BC , touch the circle, shew that it is parallel to the chord BC .

Ex. 3. If two equal chords, in a given circle, cut one another, the segments of the one shall be equal to the segments of the other, each to each.

PROPOSITION XXIX. THEOREM.

In equal circles, the chords, which subtend equal arcs, must be equal.



Let ABC, DEF be equal circles, and let BC, EF be chords subtending the equal arcs BGC, EHF .

Then must chord $BC =$ chord EF .

Take the centres K, L .

Then, if $\odot ABC$ be applied to $\odot DEF$,
so that K coincides with L , and B with E ,
and arc BGC falls on arc EHF ,

\therefore arc $BGC =$ arc EHF , $\therefore C$ will coincide with F .

Then $\therefore B$ coincides with E and C with F ,
 \therefore chord BC must coincide with and be equal to chord EF .

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. The two straight lines in a circle, which join the extremities of two parallel chords, are equal to one another.

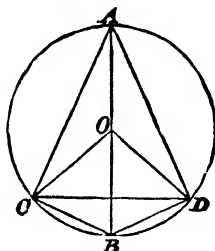
Ex. 2. If three equal chords of a circle, cut one another in the same point, within the circle, that point is the centre.

NOTE 4. *On the Symmetrical properties of the Circle with regard to its diameter.*

The brief remarks on Symmetry in pp. 107, 108 may now be extended in the following way:

A figure is said to be symmetrical with regard to a line, when every perpendicular to the line meets the figure at points which are equidistant from the line.

Hence a Circle is Symmetrical with regard to its Diameter, because the diameter *bisects* every chord, to which it is perpendicular.



Further, suppose AB to be a diameter of the circle $ACBD$, of which O is the centre, and CD to be a chord perpendicular to AB .

Then, if lines be drawn as in the diagram, we know that AB bisects

- (1.) The chord CD , III. 1.
- (2.) The arcs CAD and CBD , III. 26.
- (3.) The angles CAD , COD , CBD , and the reflex angle DOC . I. 4.

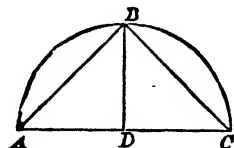
Also, chord $CB = \text{chord } DB$, I. 4.

and chord $AC = \text{chord } AD$. I. 4.

These Symmetrical relations should be carefully observed, because they are often suggestive of methods for the solution of problems.

PROPOSITION XXX. PROBLEM.

To bisect a given arc.



Let ABC be the given arc.

It is required to bisect the arc ABC .

Join AC , and bisect the chord AC in D . I. 10.

From D draw $DB \perp$ to AC . I. 11.

Then will the arc ABC be bisected in B .

Join BA , BC .

Then, in $\triangle s$ ADB , CDB ,

$\therefore AD = CD$, and DB is common, and $\angle ADB = \angle CDB$,

$\therefore BA = BC$. I. 4.

But, in the same circle, the arcs, which are subtended by equal chords, are equal, the greater to the greater and the less to the less; III. 28.

and $\therefore BD$, if produced, is a diameter,

\therefore each of the arcs BA , BC , is less than a semicircle,

and $\therefore \text{arc } BA = \text{arc } BC$.

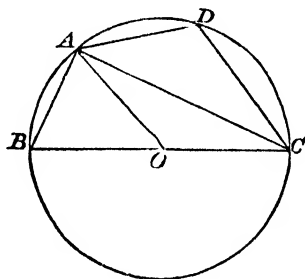
Thus the arc ABC is bisected in B .

Q. E. D.

Ex. If, from any point in the diameter of a semicircle, there be drawn two straight lines to the circumference, one to the bisection of the circumference, and the other at right angles to the diameter, the squares on these two lines are together double of the square on the radius.

PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM.

In a circle, the angle in a semicircle is a right angle ; and the angle in a segment greater than a semicircle is less than a right angle ; and the angle in a segment less than a semicircle is greater than a right angle.



Let ABC be a \odot , O its centre, and BC a diameter.

Draw AC , dividing the \odot into the segments ABC , ADC .

Join BA , AD , DC , AO .

Then must the \angle in the semicircle BAC be a rt. \angle , and \angle in segment ABC , greater than a semicircle, less than a rt. \angle , and \angle in segment ADC , less than a semicircle, greater than a rt. \angle .

First, $\because BO=AO, \therefore \angle BAO=\angle ABO$; I. 1.

$\therefore \angle COA=\text{twice } \angle BAO$; I. 32.

and $\because CO=AO, \therefore \angle CAO=\angle ACO$; I. 1.

$\therefore \angle BOA=\text{twice } \angle CAO$; I. 32.

\therefore sum of \angle s $COA, BOA=\text{twice sum of } \angle$ s BAO, CAO , that is, two right angles= $\text{twice } \angle BAC$.

$\therefore \angle BAC$ is a right angle.

Next, $\because \angle BAC$ is a rt. \angle ,

$\therefore \angle ABC$ is less than a rt. \angle . I. 17.

Lastly, \because sum of \angle s $ABC, ADC=\text{two rt. } \angle$ s, III. 22.

and $\angle ABC$ is less than a rt. \angle ,

$\therefore \angle ADC$ is greater than a rt. \angle . Q. E. D.

NOTE.—For a simpler proof see page 178.

Ex. 1. If a circle be described on the radius of another circle as diameter, any straight line, drawn from the point, where they meet, to the outer circumference, is bisected by the interior one.

Ex. 2. If a straight line be drawn to touch a circle, and be parallel to a chord, the point of contact will be the middle point of the arc cut off by the chord.

Ex. 3. If, from any point without a circle, lines be drawn touching it, the angle contained by the tangents is double of the angle contained by the line joining the points of contact, and the diameter drawn through one of them.

Ex. 4. The vertical angle of any oblique-angled triangle inscribed in a circle is greater or less than a right angle, by the angle contained by the base and the diameter drawn from the extremity of the base.

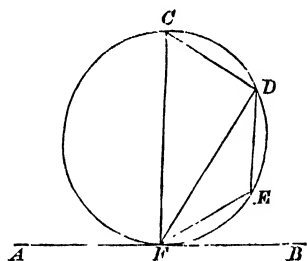
Ex. 5. If, from the extremities of any diameter of a given circle, perpendiculars be drawn to any chord of the circle that is not parallel to the diameter, the less perpendicular shall be equal to that segment of the greater, which is contained between the circumference and the chord.

Ex. 6. If two circles cut one another, and from either point of intersection diameters be drawn, the extremities of these diameters and the other point of intersection lie in the same straight line.

Ex. 7. Draw a straight line cutting two concentric circles, so that the part of it which is intercepted by the circumference of the greater may be twice the part intercepted by the circumference of the less.

PROPOSITION XXXII. THEOREM.

If a straight line touch a circle, and from the point of contact a straight line be drawn cutting the circle, the angles made by this line with the line touching the circle must be equal to the angles, which are in the alternate segments of the circle.



Let the st. line AB touch the $\odot CDEF$ in F .

Draw the chord FD , dividing the \odot into segments FCD , FED .

Then must $\angle DFB = \angle$ in segment FCD ,
and $\angle DFA = \angle$ in segment FED .

From F draw the chord $FC \perp$ to AB .

Then FC is a diameter of the \odot . III. 19.

Take any pt. E in the arc FED , and join FE , ED , DC .

Then $\because FDC$ is a semicircle, $\therefore \angle FDC$ is a rt. \angle ; III. 31.

\therefore sum of \angle s FCD , CFD = a rt. \angle . I. 32.

Also, sum of \angle s DEB , CFD = a rt. \angle .

\therefore sum of \angle s DFB , CFD = sum of \angle s FCD , CFD ,

and $\therefore \angle DFB = \angle FCD$,

that is, $\angle DFB = \angle$ in segment FCD .

Again, $\because CDEF$ is a quadrilateral fig. inscribed in a \odot ,

\therefore sum of \angle s FED , FCD = two rt. \angle s. III. 22.

Also, sum of \angle s DFA , DEB = two rt. \angle s. I. 13.

\therefore sum of \angle s DFA , DFB = sum of \angle s FED , FCD ;

and $\angle DFB$ has been proved = $\angle FCD$;

$\therefore \angle DFA = \angle FED$,

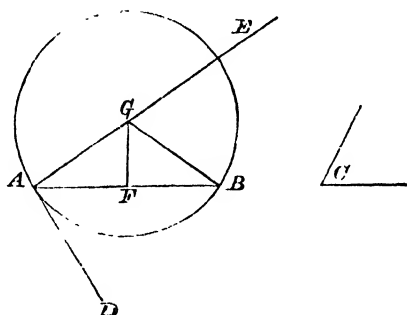
that is, $\angle DFA = \angle$ in segment FED .

Q. E. D.

Ex. The chord joining the points of contact of parallel tangents is a diameter.

PROPOSITION XXXIII. PROBLEM.

On a given straight line to describe a segment of a circle capable of containing an angle equal to a given angle.



Let AB be the given st. line, and C the given \angle .

It is required to describe on AB a segment of a \odot which shall contain an $\angle = \angle C$.

At pt. A in st. line AB make $\angle BAD = \angle C$. I. 23

Draw $AE \perp$ to AD , and bisect AB in F .

From F draw $FG \perp$ to AB , meeting AE in G . Join GB .

Then in Δ s AGF , BGF ;

$\therefore AF = BF$, and FG is common, and $\angle AFG = \angle BFG$;

$\therefore GA = GB$. I. 4.

With G as centre and GA as radius describe a \odot ABH .

Then will AHB be the segment reqd.

For $\because AD$ is \perp to AE , a line passing through the centre,

$\therefore AD$ is a tangent to the \odot ABH . III. 16.

And \because the chord AB is drawn from the pt. of contact A ,

$\therefore \angle BAD = \angle$ in segment AHB , III. 32.

that is, the segment AHB contains an $\angle = \angle C$,

and it is described on AB , as was reqd.

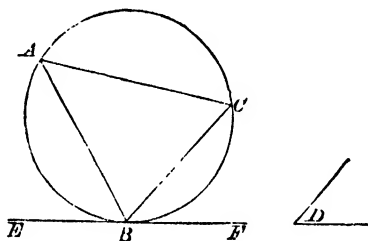
Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. Two circles intersect in A , and through A is drawn a straight line meeting the circles again in P , Q . Prove that the angle between the tangents at P and Q is equal to the angle between the tangents at A .

Ex. 2. From two given points on the same side of a straight line, given in position, draw two straight lines which shall contain a given angle, and be terminated in the given line.

PROPOSITION XXXIV. PROBLEM.

To cut off a segment from a given circle, capable of containing an angle equal to a given angle.



Let ABC be the given \odot , and D the given \angle .

It is required to cut off from $\odot ABC$ a segment capable of containing an $\angle = \angle D$.

Draw the st. line EBF to touch the circle at B .

At B make $\angle FBC = \angle D$.

Then \therefore the chord BC is drawn from the pt. of contact B ,

$\therefore \angle FBC = \angle$ in segment BAC , III. 32.

that is, the segment BAC contains an $\angle = \angle D$;

and \therefore a segment has been cut off from the \odot , as was reqd.

Q. E. F.

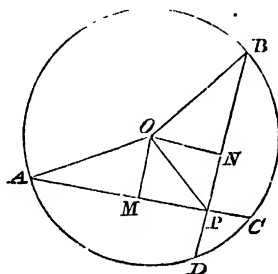
Ex. 1. If two circles touch internally at a point, any straight line passing through the point will divide the circles into segments, capable of containing equal angles.

Ex. 2. Given a side of a triangle, its vertical angle, and the radius of the circumscribing circle: construct the triangle.

Ex. 3. Given the base, vertical angle, and the perpendicular from the extremity of the base on the opposite side: construct the triangle.

PROPOSITION XXXV. THEOREM.

If two chords in a circle cut one another, the rectangle contained by the segments of one of them, is equal to the rectangle contained by the segments of the other.



Let the chords AC , BD in the $\odot ABCD$ intersect in the pt. P .

Then must $\text{rect. } AP, PC = \text{rect. } BP, PD$.

From O , the centre, draw OM , $ON \perp$ s to AC , BD ,
and join OA , OB , OP .

Then $\because AC$ is divided equally in M and unequally in P ,
 $\therefore \text{rect. } AP, PC$ with sq. on $MP = \text{sq. on } AM$. II. 5.

Adding to each the sq. on MO ,
 $\text{rect. } AP, PC$ with sqq. on $MP, MO = \text{sqq. on } AM, MO$;
 $\therefore \text{rect. } AP, PC$ with sq. on $OP = \text{sq. on } OA$. I. 47.

In the same way it may be shewn that

$\text{rect. } BP, PD$ with sq. on $OP = \text{sq. on } OB$.

Then $\because \text{sq. on } OA = \text{sq. on } OB$,

$\therefore \text{rect. } AP, PC$ with sq. on $OP = \text{rect. } BP, PD$ with sq. on OP ;

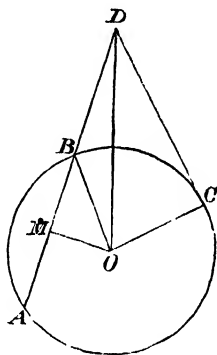
$\therefore \text{rect. } AP, PC = \text{rect. } BP, PD$. Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. A and B are fixed points, and two circles are described passing through them; PCQ , $P'CQ'$ are chords of these circles intersecting in C , a point in AB ; shew that the rectangle CP, CQ is equal to the rectangle CP', CQ' .

Ex. 2. If through any point in the common chord of two circles, which intersect one another, there be drawn any two other chords, one in each circle, their four extremities shall all lie in the circumference of a circle.

PROPOSITION XXXVI. THEOREM.

If, from any point without a circle, two straight lines be drawn, one of which cuts the circle, and the other touches it; the rectangle contained by the whole line which cuts the circle, and the part of it without the circle, must be equal to the square on the line which touches it.



Let D be any pt. without the $\odot ABC$,
and let the st. lincs DBA , DC be drawn to cut and touch the \odot .

Then must rect. AD , DB = sq. on DC .

From O , the centre, draw OM bisecting AB in M ,
and join OB , OC , OD .

Then $\because AB$ is bisected in M and produced to D ,

\therefore rect. AD , DB with sq. on MB = sq. on MD . II. 6.

Adding to each the sq. on MO ,
rect. AD , DB with sqq. on MB , MO = sqq. on MD , MO .

Now the angles at M and C are rt. \angle s; III. 3 and 18.

\therefore rect. AD , DB with sq. on OB = sq. on OD ;

\therefore rect. AD , DB with sq. on OB = sqq. on OC , DC . I. 47.

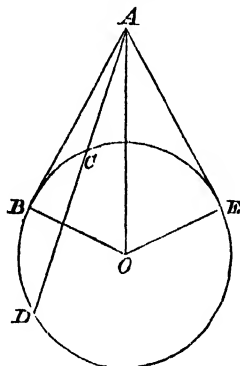
And sq. on OB = sq. on OC ;

\therefore rect. AD , DB = sq. on DC .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXXVII. THEOREM.

If, from a point without a circle, there be drawn two straight lines, one of which cuts the circle, and the other meets it; if the rectangle contained by the whole line which cuts the circle, and the part of it without the circle, be equal to the square on the line which meets it, the line which meets must touch the circle.



Let A be a pt. without the $\odot BCD$, of which O is the centre.
From A let two st. lines ACD , AB be drawn, of which ACD cuts the \odot and AB meets it.

Then if rect. DA , $AC = \text{sq. on } AB$, AB must touch the \odot .

Draw AE touching the \odot in E , and join OB , OA , OE .

Then $\because ACD$ cuts the \odot , and AE touches it,

$\therefore \text{rect. } DA, AC = \text{sq. on } AE$. III. 36.

But rect. $DA, AC = \text{sq. on } AB$; Hyp.

$\therefore \text{sq. on } AB = \text{sq. on } AE$;

$\therefore AB = AE$.

Then in the \triangle s OAB , OAE ,

$\because OB = OE$, and OA is common, and $AB = AE$,

$\therefore \angle ABO = \angle AEO$. I. c.

But $\angle AEO$ is a rt. \angle ; III. 18.

$\therefore \angle ABO$ is a rt. \angle .

Now BO , if produced, is a diameter of the \odot ;

$\therefore AB$ touches the \odot . III. 16.

Q. E. D.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Book III.

1. The segments, into which a circle is cut by any straight line, contain angles, whose difference is equal to the inclination to each other of the straight lines touching the circle at the extremities of the straight line which divides the circle.

2. If from the point in which a number of circles touch each other, a straight line be drawn cutting all the circles, shew that the lines which join the points of intersection in each circle with its centre will be all parallel.

3. From a point Q in a circle, QN is drawn perpendicular to a chord PP' , and QM perpendicular to the tangent at P : shew that the triangles NQP' , QPM are equiangular.

4. AB , AC are chords of a circle, and D , E are the middle points of their arcs. If DE be joined, shew that it will cut off equal parts from AB , AC .

5. One angle of a quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle is a right angle, and from the centre of the circle perpendiculars are drawn to the sides, shew that the sum of their squares is equal to twice the square of the radius.

6. A is the extremity of the diameter of a circle, O any point in the diameter. The chord which is bisected at O subtends a greater or less angle at A than any other chord through O , according as O and A are on the same or opposite sides of the centre.

7. If a straight line in a circle not passing through the centre be bisected by another and this by a third and so on, prove that the points of bisection continually approach the centre of the circle.

8. If a circle be described passing through the opposite angles of a parallelogram, and cutting the four sides, and the points of intersection be joined so as to form a hexagon, the straight lines thus drawn shall be parallel to each other.

9. If two circles touch each other externally and any third circle touch both, prove that the difference of the distances of

the centre of the third circle from the centres of the other two is invariable.

10. Draw two concentric circles, such that those chords of the outer circle, which touch the inner, may equal its diameter.

11. If the sides of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle be bisected and the middle points of adjacent sides joined, the circles described about the triangles thus formed are all equal and all touch the original circle.

12. Draw a tangent to a circle which shall be parallel to a given finite straight line.

13. Describe a circle, which shall have a given radius, and its centre in a given straight line, and shall also touch another straight line, inclined at a given angle to the former.

14. Find a point in the diameter produced of a given circle, from which, if a tangent be drawn to the circle, it shall be equal to a given straight line.

15. Two equal circles intersect in the points A, B , and through B a straight line CBM is drawn cutting them again in C, M . Shew that if with centre C and radius BM a circle be described, it will cut the circle ABC in a point L such that arc $AL = \text{arc } AB$.

Shew also that LB is the tangent at B .

16. AB is any chord and AC a tangent to a circle at A ; CDE a line cutting the circle in D and E and parallel to AB . Shew that the triangle ACD is equiangular to the triangle EAB .

17. Two equal circles cut one another in the points A, B ; BC is a chord equal to AB ; shew that AC is a tangent to the other circle.

18. A, B are two points; with centre B describe a circle, such that its tangent from A shall be equal to a given line.

19. The perpendiculars drawn from the angular points of a triangle to the opposite sides pass through the same point.

20. If perpendiculars be dropped from the angular points of a triangle on the opposite sides, shew that the sum of the squares on the sides of the triangle is equal to twice the sum of the rectangles, contained by the perpendiculars and that part of each intercepted between the angles of the triangles and the point of intersection of the perpendiculars.

21. When two circles intersect, their common chord bisects their common tangent.

22. Two circles intersect in A and B . Two points C and D are taken on one of the circles; CA , CB meet the other circle in E , F , and DA , DB meet it in G , H : shew that FG is parallel to EH .

23. A and B are fixed points, and two circles are described passing through them; CP , CP' are drawn from a point C on AB produced, to touch the circles in P , P' ; shew that $CP = CP'$.

24. From each angular point of a triangle a perpendicular is let fall upon the opposite side; prove that the rectangles contained by the segments, into which each perpendicular is divided by the point of intersection of the three, are equal to each other.

25. If from a point without a circle two equal straight lines be drawn to the circumference and produced, shew that they will be at the same distance from the centre.

26. Let O , O' be the centres of two circles which cut each other in A , A' . Let B , B' be two points, taken one on each circumference. Let C , C' be the centres of the circles BAB' , $BA'B'$. Then prove that the angle CBC' is the supplement of the angle $OA'O'$.

27. The common chord of two circles is produced to any point P ; PA touches one of the circles in A ; PBC is any chord of the other: shew that the circle which passes through A , B , C touches the circle to which PA is a tangent.

28. Given the base of a triangle, the vertical angle, and the length of the line drawn from the vertex to the middle point of the base: construct the triangle.

29. If a circle be described about the triangle ABC , and a straight line be drawn bisecting the angle BAC and cutting the circle in D , shew that the angle DCB will be equal to half the angle BAC .

30. If the line AD bisect the angle A in the triangle ABC , and BD be drawn without the triangle making an angle with BC equal to half the angle BAC , shew that a circle may be described about $ABCD$.

31. Two equal circles intersect in A, B : PQT perpendicular to AB meets it in T and the circles in P, Q . AP, BQ meet in R ; AQ, BP in S ; prove that the angle RTS is bisected by TP .

32. If the angle, contained by any side of a quadrilateral and the adjacent side produced, be equal to the opposite angle of the quadrilateral, prove that any side of the quadrilateral will subtend equal angles at the opposite angles of the quadrilateral.

33. If DE be drawn parallel to the base BC of a triangle ABC , prove that the circles described about the triangles ABC and ADE have a common tangent at A .

34. Describe a square equal to the difference of two given squares.

35. If tangents be drawn to a circle from any point without it, and a third line be drawn between the point and the centre of the circle, touching the circle, the perimeter of the triangle formed by the three tangents will be the same for all positions of the third point of contact.

36. If on the sides of any triangle as chords, circles be described, of which the segments external to the triangle contain angles respectively equal to the angles of a given triangle, those circles will intersect in a point.

37. Prove that if ABC be a triangle inscribed in a circle, such that $BA=BC$, and AA' be drawn parallel to BC , meeting the circle again in A' , and $A'B$ be joined cutting AC in E , BA touches the circle described about the triangle AEA' .

38. Describe a circle, cutting the sides of a given square, so that its circumference may be divided at the points of intersection into eight equal arcs.

39. AB is the diameter of a semicircle, D and E any two points on its circumference. Shew that if the chords joining A and B with D and E , either way, intersect in F and G , the tangents at D and E meet in the middle point of the line FG , and that FG produced is at right angles to AB .

40. Shew that the square on the tangent drawn from any point in the outer of two concentric circles to the inner equals the difference of the squares on the tangents, drawn from any point, without both circles, to the circles.

41. If from a point without a circle, two tangents PT, PT' , at right angles to one another, be drawn to touch the circle, and if from T any chord TQ be drawn, and from T' a perpendicular $T'M$ be dropped on TQ , then $T'M = QM$.

42. Find the loci :

(1.) Of the centres of circles passing through two given points.

(2.) Of the middle points of a system of parallel chords in a circle.

(3.) Of points such that the difference of the distances of each from two given straight lines is equal to a given straight line.

(4.) Of the centres of circles touching a given line in a given point.

(5.) Of the middle points of chords in a circle that pass through a given point.

(6.) Of the centres of circles of given radius which touch a given circle.

(7.) Of the middle points of chords of equal length in a circle.

(8.) Of the middle points of the straight lines drawn from a given point to meet the circumference of a given circle.

43. If the base and vertical angle of a triangle be given, find the locus of the vertex.

44. A straight line remains parallel to itself while one of its extremities describes a circle. What is the locus of the other extremity?

45. A ladder slips down between a vertical wall and a horizontal plane: what is the locus of its middle point?

46. ABC is a line drawn from a point A , without a circle, to meet the circumference in B and C . Tangents are drawn to the circle at B and C which meet in D . What is the locus of D ?

47. The angular points A, C of a parallelogram $ABCD$ move on two fixed straight lines OA, OC , whose inclination is equal to the angle BCD ; shew that one of the points B, D , which is the more remote from O , will move on a fixed straight line passing through O .

48. On the line AB is described the segment of a circle in the circumference of which any point C is taken. If AC, BC be joined, and a point P taken in AC so that CP is equal to CB , find the locus of P .

49. The centre of the circle $CBED$ is on the circumference of ABD . If from any point A the lines ABC and AED be drawn to cut the circles, the chord BE is parallel to CD .

50. If a parallelogram be described having the diameter of a given circle for one of its sides, and the intersection of its diagonals on the circumference, shew that the extremity of each of the diagonals moves on the circumference of another circle of double the diameter of the first.

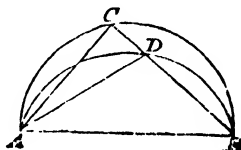
51. One diagonal of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle is fixed, and the other of constant length. Shew that the sides will meet, if produced, on the circumferences of two fixed circles.

We here insert Euclid's proofs of Props. 23, 24 of Book III. first observing that he gives the following definition of similar segments :—

DEF. *Similar segments of circles are those in which the angles are equal, or which contain equal angles.*

PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM

Upon the same straight line, and upon the same side of it, there cannot be two similar segments of circles, not coinciding with each other.



If it be possible, on the same base AB , and on the same side of it, let there be two similar segments of \odot s, ABC , ABD , which do not coincide.

Because $\odot ADB$ cuts $\odot ACB$ in pts. A and B , they cannot cut one another in any other pt., and \therefore one of the segments must fall within the other.

Let ADB fall within ACB .

Draw the st. line BDC and join CA , DA .

Then \because segment ADB is similar to segment ACB ,

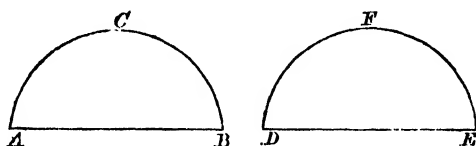
$$\therefore \angle ADB = \angle ACB.$$

Or the extr. \angle of a Δ = the intr. and opposite \angle , which is impossible ;

\therefore the segments cannot but coincide.

PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM.

Similar segments of circles, upon equal straight lines, are equal to one another.



Let ABC , DEF be similar segments of \odot s on equal st. lines AB , DE .

Then must segment ABC = segment DEF .

For if segment ABC be applied to segment DEF , so that A may be on D and AB on DE , then B will coincide with E , and AB with DE ;

\therefore segment ABC must also coincide with segment DEF ;

III. 23.

\therefore segment ABC = segment DEF .

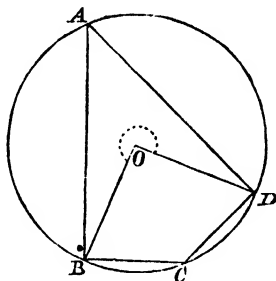
AX. 8.

Q. E. D.

We gave one Proposition, C, page 150, as an example of the way in which the conceptions of Flat and Reflex Angles may be employed to extend and simplify Euclid's proofs. We here give the proofs, based on the same conceptions, of the important propositions XXII. and XXXI.

PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM.

The opposite angles of any quadrilateral figure, inscribed in a circle, are together equal to two right angles.



Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral fig. inscribed in a \odot .

Then must each pair of its opposite \angle s be together equal to two rt. \angle s.

From O , the centre, draw OB , OD .

Then $\therefore \angle BOD = \text{twice } \angle BAD$, III. 20.

and the reflex. $\angle DOB = \text{twice } \angle BCD$, III. C. p. 150.

\therefore sum of \angle s at $O = \text{twice sum of } \angle$ s BAD, BCD .

But sum of \angle s at $O = 4$ right \angle s ; I. 15, Cor. 2.

\therefore twice sum of \angle s $BAD, BCD = 4$ right \angle s ;

\therefore sum of \angle s $BAD, BCD = \text{two right } \angle$ s.

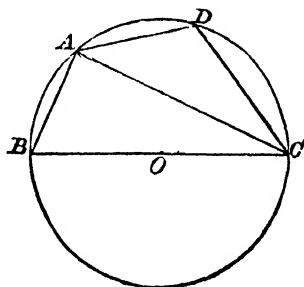
Similarly, it may be shewn that

sum of \angle s $ABC, ADC = \text{two right } \angle$ s.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM.

In a circle, the angle in a semicircle is a right angle; and the angle in a segment greater than a semicircle is less than a right angle; and the angle in a segment less than a semicircle is greater than a right angle.



Let ABC be a \odot , of which O is the centre and BC a diameter.

Draw AC , dividing the \odot into the segments ABC , ADC .

Join BA , AD , DC .

Then must the \angle in the semicircle BAC be a rt. \angle , and \angle in segment ABC , greater than a semicircle, less than a rt. \angle , and \angle in segment ADC , less than a semicircle, greater than a rt. \angle .

First, \because the flat angle $BOC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$, III. C. p. 150.

$\therefore \angle BAC$ is a rt. \angle .

Next, $\because \angle BAC$ is a rt. \angle ,

$\therefore \angle ABC$ is less than a rt. \angle .

I. 17.

Lastly, \because sum of \angle s ABC , $ADC = \text{two rt. } \angle$ s,

III. 22.

and $\angle ABC$ is less than a rt. \angle ,

$\therefore \angle ADC$ is greater than a rt. \angle .

BOOK IV.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

EUCLID gives in this Book of the Elements a series of Problems relating to cases in which circles may be described in or about triangles, squares, and regular polygons, and of the last-mentioned he treats of three only :

the Pentagon, or figure of 5 sides,

„ Hexagon, „ 6 „

„ Quindecagon, „ 15 „ .

The Student will find it useful to remember the following Theorems, which are established and applied in the proofs of the Propositions in this Book.

I. The bisectors of the angles of a triangle, square, or regular polygon meet in a point, which is the centre of the inscribed circle.

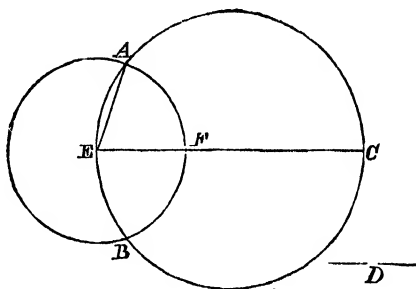
II. The perpendiculars drawn from the middle points of the sides of a triangle, square, or regular polygon meet in a point, which is the centre of the circumscribed circle.

III. In the case of a square, or regular polygon the inscribed and circumscribed circles have a common centre.

IV. If the circumference of a circle be divided into any number of equal parts, the chords joining each pair of consecutive points form a regular figure inscribed in the circle, and the tangents drawn through the points form a regular figure described about the circle.

PROPOSITION I. PROBLEM.

In a given circle to draw a chord equal to a given straight line, which is not greater than the diameter of the circle.



Let ABC be the given \odot , and D the given line, not greater than the diameter of the \odot .

It is required to draw in the $\odot ABC$ a chord $= D$.

Draw EC , a diameter of $\odot ABC$.

Then if $EC = D$, what was required is done.

But if not, EC is greater than D . From EC cut off $EF = D$, and with centre E and radius EF describe a $\odot AFB$, cutting the $\odot ABC$ in A and B ; and join AE .

Then, $\because E$ is the centre of $\odot AFB$,

$$\therefore EA = EF,$$

$$\text{and } \therefore EA = D.$$

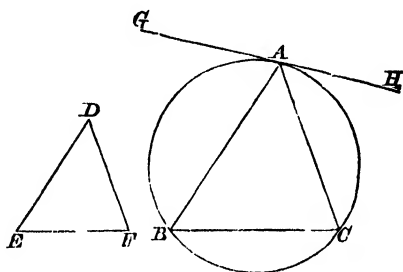
Thus a chord EA equal to D has been drawn in $\odot ABC$.

Q. E. F.

Ex. Draw the diameter of a circle, which shall pass at a given distance from a given point.

PROPOSITION II. PROBLEM.

In a given circle to inscribe a triangle, equiangular to a given triangle.



•• Let ABC be the given \odot , and DEF the given \triangle .

It is required to inscribe in $\odot ABC$ a \triangle , equiangular to $\triangle DEF$.

Draw GAH touching the $\odot ABC$ at the pt. A . III. 17.

Make $\angle GAB = \angle DFE$, and $\angle HAC = \angle DEF$. I. 23.

Join BC . Then will $\triangle ABC$ be the required \triangle .

For $\because GAH$ is a tangent, and AB a chord of the \odot ,

$$\therefore \angle ACB = \angle GAB, \quad \text{III. 32.}$$

that is, $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

$$\text{So also, } \angle ABC = \angle HAC, \quad \text{III. 32.}$$

that is, $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$;

$$\therefore \text{remaining } \angle BAC = \text{remaining } \angle EDF;$$

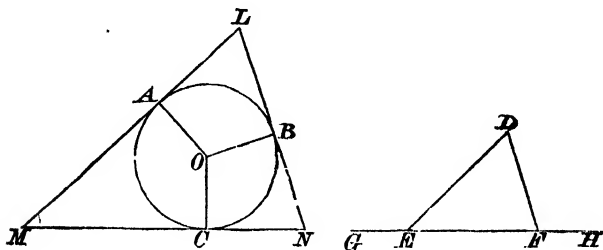
$\therefore \triangle ABC$ is equiangular to $\triangle DEF$, and it is inscribed in the $\odot ABC$.

Q. E. F.

Ex. If an equilateral triangle be inscribed in a circle, prove that the radii, drawn to the angular points, bisect the angles of the triangle.

PROPOSITION III. PROBLEM.

About a given circle to describe a triangle, equiangular to a given triangle.



Let ABC be the given \odot , and DEF the given \triangle .

It is required to describe about the \odot a \triangle equiangular to $\triangle EDF$.

From O , the centre of the \odot , draw any radius OC .

Produce EF to the pts. G, H .

Make $\angle COA = \angle DEG$, and $\angle COB = \angle DFH$. I. 23.

Through A, B, C draw tangents to the \odot , meeting in L, M, N .

Then will LMN be the \triangle required.

For $\because ML, LN, NM$ are tangents to the \odot ,

\therefore the \angle s at A, B, C are rt. \angle s. III. 18.

Now \angle s of quadrilateral $AOCM$ together = four rt. \angle s ;

and of these $\angle OAM$ and $\angle OCM$ are rt. \angle s ;

\therefore sum of \angle s COA, AMC = two rt. \angle s.

But sum of \angle s DEG, DEF = two rt. \angle s ; I. 32.

\therefore sum of \angle s COA, AMC = sum of \angle s DEG, DEF ,

and $\angle COA = \angle DEG$, by construction ;

$\therefore \angle AMC = \angle DEF$;

that is $\angle LMN = \angle DEF$.

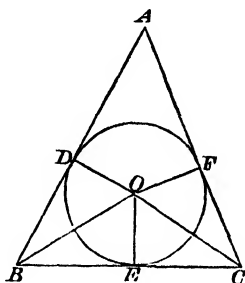
Similarly, it may be shewn that $\angle LNM = \angle DFE$;

\therefore also $\angle MLN = \angle EDF$.

Thus a \triangle , equiangular to $\triangle DEF$, is described about the \odot .

PROPOSITION IV. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a circle in a given triangle.



Let ABC be the given Δ .

It is required to inscribe a \odot in the ΔABC .

Bisect $\angle s$ ABC , ACB by the st. lines BO , CO , meeting in O . I. 9.

From O draw OD , OE , OF , $\perp s$ to AB , BC , CA . I. 12.

Then, in Δs EBO , DBO ,

$\therefore \angle EBO = \angle DBO$, and $\angle BEO = \angle BDO$, and OB is common,
 $\therefore OE = OD$. I. 26.

Similarly it may be shewn that $OE = OF$.

If then a \odot be described, with centre O , and radius OD , this \odot will pass through the pts. D , E , F ;

and \therefore the $\angle s$ at D , E and F are rt. $\angle s$,

$\therefore AB$, BC , CA are tangents to the \odot ; III. 16.

and thus a $\odot DEF$ may be inscribed in the ΔABC .

Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. Shew that, if OA be drawn, it will bisect the angle BAC .

Ex. 2. If a circle be inscribed in a right-angled triangle, the difference between the hypotenuse and the sum of the other sides is equal to the diameter of the circle.

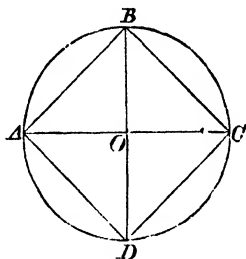
Ex. 3. Shew that, in an equilateral triangle, the centre of the inscribed circle is equidistant from the three angular points.

Ex. 4. Describe a circle, touching one side of a triangle and the other two produced. (NOTE. This is called an *escribed* circle.)

NOTE. Euclid's fifth Proposition of this Book has been already given on page 135.

PROPOSITION VI. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a square in a given circle.



Let $ABCD$ be the given \odot .

It is required to inscribe a square in the \odot .

Through O , the centre, draw the diameters AC , BD , \perp to each other.

Join AB , BC , CD , DA .

Then \therefore the \angle s at O are all equal, being rt. \angle s, I. Post. 4.

\therefore the arcs AB , BC , CD , DA are all equal, III. 26.

and \therefore the chords AB , BC , CD , DA are all equal; III. 29.

and $\angle ABC$, being the \angle in a semicircle, is a rt. \angle . III. 31.

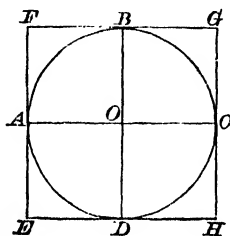
So also the \angle s BCD , CDA , DAB are rt. \angle s;

$\therefore ABCD$ is a square,

and it is inscribed in the \odot as was required.

PROPOSITION VII. PROBLEM.

To describe a square about a given circle.



Let $ABCD$ be the given \odot , of which O is the centre.

It is required to describe a square about the \odot .

Draw the diameters AC, BD , \perp to each other.

..Through A, B, C, D draw EF, FG, GH, HE touching the \odot .

III. 17.

Then the \angle s at A, B, C, D are rt. \angle s.

III. 16.

Now \because the \angle s at A, O, C are all rt. \angle s,

$\therefore FE, BD$, and GH are all \parallel ;

I. 27.

and \because the \angle s at B, O, D are all rt. \angle s,

$\therefore FG, AC$, and EH are all \parallel ;

$\therefore FE$ and GH each $= BD$,

I. 34.

and FG and EH each $= AC$.

I. 34.

And $\because BD = AC$,

$\therefore FE, GH, FG, EH$, are all equal.

Again, $\because FO$ is a \square ,

$\therefore \angle AFB = \angle AOB$,

I. 34.

and $\therefore \angle AFB$ is a rt. \angle .

So also the \angle s at G, H , and E are rt. \angle s.

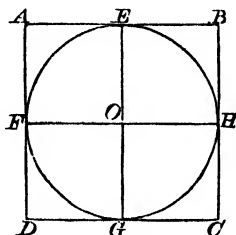
Hence $EFGH$ is a square, and it is described about the \odot .

Q. E. F.

Ex. In a given circle inscribe four circles, equal to each other, and in mutual contact with each other and with the given circle.

PROPOSITION VIII. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a circle in a given square.



Let $ABCD$ be the given square.

It is required to inscribe a \odot in the square.

Bisect AB , AD in E , F , I. 10.

and draw $EG \parallel$ to AD or BC , and $FH \parallel$ to AB or DC .

Let EG and FH intersect in O .

Then $\because AO$ is a \square ,

$\therefore OE = FA$ and $OF = EA$. I. 34.

But $\because AB = AD$, and E , F are the middle pts. of AB , AD ,

$\therefore FA = EA$,

and $\therefore OE = OF$.

Similarly, it may be shewn that $OG = OF$, and $OH = OE$,

and $\therefore OE$, OF , OG , OH are all equal;

and a \odot , described with centre O and radius OE ,

will pass through E , F , G , H ,

and it will be touched by each of the sides of the square,

\therefore the \angle s at E , F , G , H are rt. \angle s. III. 16.

Thus a $\odot EFGH$ may be inscribed in the sq. $ABCD$.

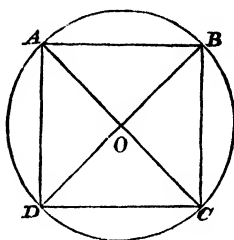
Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. In what parallelograms can circles be inscribed?

Ex. 2. If, from any point in the circumference of a circle, straight lines be drawn to the angular points of the inscribed square, the sum of the squares on these four lines will be double of the square on the diameter.

PROPOSITION IX. PROBLEM.

To describe a circle about a given square.



Let $ABCD$ be the given square.

It is required to describe a \odot about the square.

Draw the diagonals AC , BD , intersecting each other in O .

Then $\therefore \angle DAC = \angle ACD$, I. A.

and $\angle BAC = \text{alternate } \angle ACD$, I. 29.

$\therefore \angle DAC = \angle BAC$.

Thus the diagonal AC bisects $\angle BAD$,

and $\therefore \angle OAB = \text{half a rt. } \angle$.

Similarly it may be shewn that $\angle OBA = \text{half a rt. } \angle$;

$\therefore \angle OBA = \angle OAB$;

$\therefore OA = OB$. I. B. Cor.

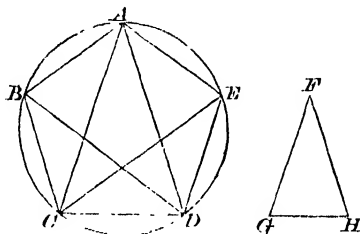
Similarly it may be shewn that $OC = OB$, and $OD = OA$;

$\therefore OA, OB, OC, OD$ are all equal;

and \therefore a \odot , described with centre O and radius OA , will pass through A, B, C, D , and will be described about the square, as was required.

PROPOSITION XI. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a regular pentagon in a given circle.



Let $ABCDE$ be the given \odot .

It is required to inscribe a regular pentagon in the \odot .

Make an isosceles $\triangle FGH$, having each of the \angle s at G, H double of \angle at F .

In $\odot ABCDE$ inscribe a $\triangle ACD$ equiangular to $\triangle FGH$, IV. 2. having \angle s at $A, C, D =$ the \angle s at F, G, H , respectively. Then $\angle ADC =$ twice $\angle DAC$, and $\angle ACD =$ twice $\angle DAC$.

Bisect the \angle s ADC, ACD by the chords DB, CE .

Join AB, BC, DE, EA .

Then will $ABCDE$ be a regular pentagon.

For $\because \angle$ s ADC, ACD are each $=$ twice $\angle DAC$,

and \angle s ADC, ACD are bisected by DB, CE ,

$\therefore \angle$ s ADB, BDC, DAC, ECD, ACE , are all equal ;

and \therefore arcs AB, BC, CD, DE, EA are all equal ; III. 26.

and \therefore chords AB, BC, CD, DE, EA are all equal. III. 29.

Hence, the pentagon $ABCDE$ is equilateral.

Again, \because arc $CD =$ arc AB ,

adding to each arc AED , we have

arc $AEDC =$ arc $BAED$,

and $\therefore \angle ABC = \angle BCD$.

III. 27.

Similarly, \angle s CDE, DEA, EAB each $= \angle ABC$.

Hence, the pentagon $ABCDE$ is equiangular.

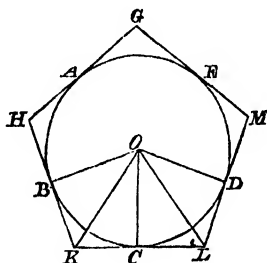
Thus a regular pentagon has been inscribed in the \odot .

Q. E. F.

Ex. Shew that CE is parallel to BA .

PROPOSITION XII. PROBLEM.

To describe a regular pentagon about a given circle.



Let $ABCDE$ be the given \odot .

It is required to describe a regular pentagon about the \odot .

Let the angular pts. of a regular pentagon inscribed in the \odot be at A, B, C, D, E ,

so that the arcs AB, BC, CD, DE, EA are all equal.

Through A, B, C, D, E draw GH, HK, KL, LM, MG tangents to the \odot ;

take the centre O , and join OB, OK, OC, OL, OD .

Then in Δ s OBK, OCK ,

$\therefore OB = OC$, and OK is common, and $KB = KC$,

I. E. Cor.

$\therefore \angle BKO = \angle CKO$, and $\angle BOK = \angle COK$,

that is, $\angle BKC = \text{twice } \angle CKO$, and $\angle BOC = \text{twice } \angle COK$.

So also, $\angle DLC = \text{twice } \angle CLO$, and $\angle DOC = \text{twice } \angle COL$.

Now \because arc $BC =$ arc CD ,

$$\therefore \angle BOC = \angle DOO,$$

$$\text{and } \therefore \angle COK = \angle COL.$$

Hence in Δ s OCK, OCL ,

$\because \angle COK = \angle COL$, and $\text{rt. } \angle OCK = \text{rt. } \angle OCL$, and OC is common,

$$\therefore \angle CKO = \angle CLO, \text{ and } OK = OL, \quad \text{I. B.}$$

$$\text{and } \therefore \angle HKL = \angle MLK, \text{ and } KL = \text{twice } KC.$$

Similarly it may be shewn that \angle s KHG, HGM, GML each $= \angle HKL$,

\therefore the pentagon $GHKLM$ is equiangular.

And since it has been shewn that $KL = \text{twice } KC$,

and it can be shewn that $HK = \text{twice } KB$,

$$\text{and } \because KB = KC, \quad \text{I. E. Cor.}$$

$$\therefore HK = KL.$$

In like manner it may be shewn that HG, GM, ML , each $= KL$,

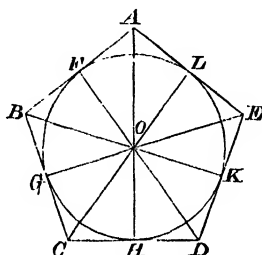
\therefore the pentagon $GHIKLM$ is equilateral.

Thus a regular pentagon has been described about the \odot .

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XIII. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a circle in a given regular pentagon.



Let $ABCDE$ be the given regular pentagon.

It is required to inscribe a \odot in the pentagon.

Bisect \angle s BCD , CDE by the st. lines CO , DO , meeting in O .

Join OB , OA , OE .

Then, in Δ s BCO , DCO ,

$\therefore BC = DC$, and CO is common, and $\angle BCO = \angle DCO$,

$\therefore \angle OBC = \angle ODC$. I. 4.

Then, $\therefore \angle ABC = \angle CDE$, Hyp.

and $\angle CDE = \text{twice } \angle ODC$,

$\therefore \angle ABC = \text{twice } \angle OBC$.

Hence OB bisects $\angle ABC$.

In the same way we can shew that OA , OE bisect the \angle s BAE , AED .

Draw OF , OG , OH , OK , OL to AB , BC , CD , DE , EA .

Then, in Δ s GOC , HOC ,

$\therefore \angle GCO = \angle HCO$, and $\angle OGC = \angle OHC$,

and OC is common,

$\therefore OG = OH$. I. 26.

So also it may be shewn that OF , OL , OK are each $= OG$ or OH ;

$\therefore OF$, OG , OH , OK , OL are all equal.

Hence a \odot described with centre O and radius OF

will pass through G , H , K , L ,

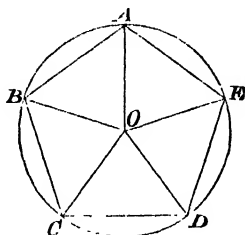
and will touch the sides of the pentagon,

\therefore the \angle s at F , G , H , K , L are rt. \angle s. III. 16.

Thus a \odot will be inscribed in the pentagon. Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XIV. PROBLEM.

To describe a circle about a given regular pentagon.



Let $ABCDE$ be the given regular pentagon.

It is required to describe a \odot about the pentagon.

Bisect the \angle s BCD , CDE by the st. lines CO , DO , meeting in O .

Join OB , OA , OE .

Then it may be shewn, as in the preceding Proposition, that

OB , OA , OE bisect the \angle s CBA , BAE , AED .

And $\therefore \angle BCD = \angle CDE$,

and $\angle OCD = \text{half } \angle BCD$, and $\angle ODC = \text{half } \angle CDE$,

$\therefore \angle OCD = \angle ODC$,

and $\therefore OD = OC$.

In the same way we may shew that OB , OA , OE

each $= OD$ or OC ;

$\therefore OA$, OB , OC , OD , OE are all equal,

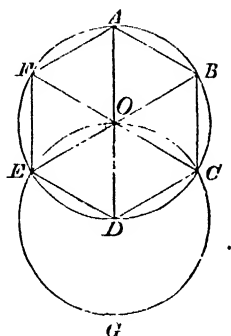
and a \odot described with centre O and radius OA will pass through B , C , D , E ,

and will be described about the pentagon.

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XV. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a regular hexagon in a given circle.



Let $ABCDEF$ be the given \odot , of which O is the centre.

It is required to inscribe a regular hexagon in the \odot .

Draw the diameter AD ,

and with centre D and radius DO describe a $\odot EOCG$

Join EO , CO , and produce them to B and F .

Join AB , BC , CD , DE , EF , FA .

Then $\because O$ is the centre of $\odot ACE$, $\therefore OE = OD$;

and $\because D$ is the centre of $\odot GCE$, $\therefore OD = DE$;

$\therefore OED$ is an equilateral Δ ,

and $\therefore \angle EOD = \text{the third part of two rt. } \angle \text{ s.}$ I. 32.

So also $\angle DOC = \text{the third part of two rt. } \angle \text{ s.}$

and $\therefore \angle BOC = \text{the third part of two rt. } \angle \text{ s.}$ I. 13.

Thus $\angle \text{ s } EOD, DOC, BOC$ are all equal;

and to these the vertically opposite $\angle \text{ s } BOA, AOF, FOE$ are equal; I. 15.

$\therefore \angle \text{ s } AOB, BOC, COD, DOE, EOF, FOA$, are all equal,

and $\therefore \text{ arcs } AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA$ are all equal.

III. 26.

and $\therefore \text{ chords } AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA$ are all equal.

III. 29.

Thus the hexagon $ABCDEF$ is equilateral.

Also \because each of its $\angle \text{ s } = \text{two-thirds of two rt. } \angle \text{ s.}$

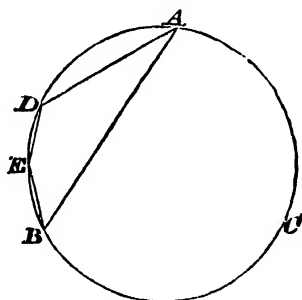
\therefore the hexagon $ABCDEF$ is equiangular.

Thus a regular hexagon has been inscribed in the \odot .

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XVI. PROBLEM.

To inscribe a regular quindecagon in a given circle.



Let ABC be the given \odot .

It is required to inscribe in the \odot a regular quindecagon.

Let AB be the side of an equilateral Δ inscribed in the \odot ,
IV. 2

and AD the side of a regular pentagon inscribed in the \odot .
IV. 11.

Then of such equal parts as the whole $\text{Oce } ABC$ contains fifteen,

arc ADB must contain five,

and arc AD must contain three,

and \therefore arc DB , their difference, must contain two.

Bisect arc DB in E . III. 30.

Then arcs DE , EB are each the fifteenth part of the whole Oce .

If then chords DE , EB be drawn,
and chords equal to them be placed all round the Oce , IV. 1.

a regular quindecagon will be inscribed in the \odot .

Q. E. F.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Book IV.

1. The perpendiculars let fall on the sides of an equilateral triangle from the centre of the circle, described about the triangle, are equal.
2. Inscribe a circle in a given regular octagon.
3. Shew that in the diagram of Prop. X. there is a second triangle, which has each of two of its angles double of the third.
4. Describe a circle about a given rectangle.
5. Shew that the diameter of the circle which is described about an isosceles triangle, which has its vertical angle double of either of the angles at the base, is equal to the base of the triangle.
6. The side of the equilateral triangle, described about a circle, is double of the side of the equilateral triangle, inscribed in the circle.
7. A quadrilateral figure may have a circle described about it, if the rectangles contained by the segments of the diagonals be equal.
8. The square on the side of an equilateral triangle, inscribed in a circle, is triple of the square on the side of the regular hexagon, inscribed in the same circle.
9. Inscribe a circle in a given rhombus.
10. ABC is an equilateral triangle inscribed in a circle; tangents to the circle at A and B meet in M . Shew that a diameter drawn from M , and meeting the circumference in D and C , bisects the angle AMB , and that DC is equal to twice MD .
11. Compare the areas of two regular hexagons, one inscribed in, the other described about, a given circle.
12. Inscribe a square in a given semicircle.
13. A circle being given, describe six other circles, each of them equal to it, and in contact with each other and with the given circle.

14. Given the angles of a triangle, and the perpendiculars from any point on the three sides, construct the triangle.

15. Having given the radius of a circle, determine its centre, when the circle touches two given lines, which are not parallel.

16. If the distance between the centres of two circles, which cut one another at right angles, is equal to twice one of the radii, the common chord is the side of the regular hexagon, inscribed in one of the circles, and the side of the equilateral triangle, inscribed in the other.

17. If from O , the centre of the circle inscribed in a triangle ABC , OD , OE , OF be drawn perpendicular to the sides BC , CA , AB , respectively, and from any point P in OP , drawn parallel to AB , perpendiculars PQ , PR be drawn upon OD and OE respectively, or these produced, shew that the triangle QRO is equiangular to the triangle ABC .

*Euclid Papers set in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge
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QUESTIONS arising out of the Propositions, to which they are attached, have been proposed in the Euclid Papers to Candidates for Mathematical Honours since the year 1848.

A complete set of these questions, so far as they refer to Books I.-IV., is here given. The figures preceding each question denote the particular Proposition to which the question was attached. It is expected that the solution of each question is to be obtained mainly by using the Proposition which precedes it, and that no Proposition which comes later in Euclid's order should be assumed.

Of some of the questions here given we have already made use in the preceding pages. As examples, however, of what has been hitherto expected of Candidates for Honours, and in order to keep the series of Papers complete, we have not hesitated to repeat them.

1848. I. 34. If the two diagonals be drawn, shew that a parallelogram will be divided into four equal parts. In what case will the diagonal bisect the angles of the parallelogram?
- III. 15. Shew that all equal straight lines in a circle will be touched by another circle.
- III. 20. If two straight lines AEB , CED in a circle intersect in E , the angles subtended by AC and BD at the centre are together double of the angle AEC .

1849. I. 1. By a method similar to that used in this problem, describe on a given finite straight line an isosceles triangle, the sides of which shall be each equal to twice the base.
- II. 11. Shew that in Euclid's figure four other lines beside the given line, are divided in the required manner.
- IV. 4. Describe a circle touching one side of a triangle and the produced parts of the other two.
1850. I. 34. If the opposite sides, or the opposite angles, of any quadrilateral figure be equal, or if its diagonals bisect each other, the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.
- II. 14. Given a square, and one side of a rectangle which is equal to the square, find the other side.
- III. 31. The greatest rectangle that can be inscribed in a circle is a square.
- III. 34. Divide a circle into two segments such that the angle in one of them shall be five times the angle in the other.
- IV. 10. Shew that the base of the triangle is equal to the side of a regular pentagon inscribed in the smaller circle of the figure.
1851. I. 38. Let ABC , ABD be two equal triangles, upon the same base AB and on opposite sides of it: join CD , meeting AB in E : shew that CE is equal to ED .
- I. 47. If ABC be a triangle, whose angle A is a right angle, and BE , CF be drawn bisecting the opposite sides respectively, shew that four times the sum of the squares on BE and CF is equal to five times the square on BC .
- III. 22. If a polygon of an even number of sides be inscribed in a circle, the sum of the alternate angles together with two right angles is equal to as many right angles as the figure has sides.

1851. iv. 16. In a given circle inscribe a triangle, whose angles are as the numbers 2, 5 and 8.
1852. i. 42. Divide a triangle by two straight lines into three parts, which, when properly arranged, shall form a parallelogram whose angles are of given magnitude.
- ii. 12. Triangles are described on the same base and having the difference of the squares on the other sides constant: shew that the vertex of any triangle is in one or other of two fixed straight lines.
- iv. 3. Two equilateral triangles are described about the same circle: shew that their intersections will form a hexagon equilateral, but not generally equiangular.
1853. i. B. Cor. If lines be drawn through the extremities of the base of an isosceles triangle, making angles with it, on the side remote from the vertex, each equal to one third of one of the equal angles, and meeting the sides produced, prove that three of the triangles thus formed are isosceles.
- i. 29. Through two given points draw two lines, forming with a line, given in position, an equilateral triangle.
- ii. 11. In the figure, if H be the point of division of the given line AB , and DA be the side of the square which is bisected in E and produced to F , and if DH be produced to meet BF in L , prove that DL is perpendicular to BF , and is divided by BE similarly to the given line.
- iii. 32. Through a given point without a circle draw a chord such that the difference of the angles in the two segments, into which it divides the circle, may be equal to a given angle.
- iii. 36. From a given point as centre describe a circle cutting a given line in two points, so that the rectangle contained by their distances from a fixed point in the line may be equal to a given square

1854. i. 43. If K be the common angular point of the parallelograms about the diameter, and BD the other diameter, the difference of the parallelograms is equal to twice the triangle BKD .
- ii. 11. Produce a given straight line to a point such that the rectangle contained by the whole line thus produced and the part produced shall be equal to the square on the given straight line.
- iii. 22. If the opposite sides of the quadrilateral be produced to meet in P , Q , and about the triangles so formed without the quadrilateral circles be described meeting again in R , shew that P , R , Q will be in one straight line.
- iv. 10. Upon a given straight line, as base, describe an isosceles triangle having the third angle treble of each of the angles at the base.
1855. i. 20. Prove that the sum of the distances of any point from the three angles of a triangle is greater than half the perimeter of the triangle.
- i. 47. If a line be drawn parallel to the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle, and each of the acute angles be joined with the points where this line intersects the sides respectively opposite to them, the squares on the joining lines are together equal to the squares on the hypotenuse and on the line drawn parallel to it.
- ii. 9. Divide a given straight line into two parts, such that the square on one of them may be double of the square on the other, without employing the Sixth Book.
- iii. 27. If any number of triangles, upon the same base BC , and on the same side of it, have their vertical angles equal, and perpendiculars meeting in D be drawn from B , C upon the opposite sides, find the locus of D , and shew that all the lines which bisect the angle BDC pass through the same point.

1855. iv. 4. If the circle inscribed in a triangle ABC touch the sides AB , AC in the points D , E , and a straight line be drawn from A to the centre of the circle, meeting the circumference in G , shew that G is the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle ADE .
1856. i. 34. Of all parallelograms, which can be formed with diameters of given length, the rhombus is the greatest.
- ii. 12. If AB , one of the equal sides of an isosceles triangle ABC , be produced beyond the base to D , so that $BD=AB$, shew that the square on CD is equal to the square on AB together with twice the square on BC .
- iv. 15. Shew how to derive the hexagon from an equilateral triangle inscribed in the circle, and from this construction shew that the side of the hexagon equals the radius of the circle, and that the hexagon is double of the triangle.
1857. i. 35. ABC is an isosceles triangle, of which A is the vertex: AB , AC are bisected in D and E respectively; BE , CD intersect in F : shew that the triangle ADE is equal to three times the triangle DEF .
- ii. 13. The base of a triangle is given, and is bisected by the centre of a given circle, the circumference of which is the locus of the vertex: prove that the sum of the squares on the two sides of the triangle is invariable.
- iii. 22. Prove that the sum of the angles in the four segments of the circle, exterior to the quadrilateral, is equal to six right angles.
- iv. 4. Circles are inscribed in the two triangles formed by drawing a perpendicular from an angle of a triangle upon the opposite side, and analogous circles are described in relation to the two other like perpendiculars: prove that the

sum of the diameters of the six circles together with the sum of the sides of the original triangle is equal to twice the sum of the three perpendiculars.

1858. I. 28. Assuming as an axiom that two straight lines cannot both be parallel to the same straight line, deduce Euclid's sixth postulate as a corollary of the proposition referred to.

II. 7. Produce a given straight line, so that the sum of the squares on the given line and the part produced may be equal to twice the rectangle contained by the whole line thus produced and the produced part.

III. 19. Describe a circle, which shall touch a given straight line at a given point and bisect the circumference of a given circle.

1859. I. 41. Trisect a parallelogram by straight lines drawn from one of its angular points.

II. 13. Prove that, in any quadrilateral, the squares on the diagonals are together equal to twice the sum of the squares on the straight lines joining the middle points of opposite sides.

III. 31. Two equal circles touch each other externally, and through the point of contact chords are drawn, one to each circle, at right angles to each other: prove that the straight line, joining the other extremities of these chords, is equal and parallel to the straight line joining the centres of the circles.

IV. 4. Triangles are constructed on the same base with equal vertical angles: prove that the locus of the centres of the escribed circles, each of which touches one of the sides externally and the other side and base produced, is an arc of a circle, the centre of which is on the circumference of the circle circumscribing the triangles.

1860. I. 35. If a straight line DME be drawn through the middle point M of the base BC of a triangle ABC , so as to cut off equal parts AD , AE from the sides AB , AC , produced if necessary, respectively, then shall BD be equal to CE .
- II. 14. Shew how to construct a rectangle which shall be equal to a given square; (1) when the sum, and (2) when the difference of two adjacent sides is given.
- III. 36. If two chords AB , AC be drawn from any point A of a circle, and be produced to D and E , so that the rectangle AC , AE is equal to the rectangle AB , AD , then, if O be the centre of the circle, AO is perpendicular to DE .
- IV. 10. If A be the vertex, and BD the base of the constructed triangle, D being one of the points of intersection of the two circles employed in the construction, and E the other, and AE be drawn meeting BD produced in F , prove that FAB is another isosceles triangle of the same kind.
1861. I. 32. If ABC be a triangle, in which C is a right angle, shew how, by means of Book I., to draw a straight line parallel to a given straight line so as to be terminated by CA and CB and bisected by AB .
- II. 13. If ABC be a triangle, in which C is a right angle, and DE be drawn from a point D in AC at right angles to AB , prove, without using Book III., that the rectangles AB , AE and AC , AD will be equal.
- III. 32. Two circles intersect in A and B , and CBD is drawn perpendicular to AB to meet the circles in C and D ; if AEF bisect either the interior or exterior angle between CA and DA , prove that the tangents to the circles at E and F intersect in a point on AB produced.

1861. iv. 4. Describe a circle touching the side BC of the triangle ABC , and the other two sides produced, and prove that the distance between the points of contact of the side BC with the inscribed circle, and the latter circle, is equal to the difference between the sides AB and AC .
1862. i. 4. Upon the sides AB , BC , and CD of a parallelogram $ABCD$, three equilateral triangles are described, that on BC towards the same parts as the parallelogram, and those on AB , CD towards the opposite parts. Prove that the distances of the vertices of the triangles on AB , CD , from that on BC , are respectively equal to the two diagonals of the parallelogram. .
- ii. 10. Divide a given straight line into two parts, so that the squares on the whole line and on one of the parts may be together double of the square on the other part.
- iii. 28. A triangle is turned about its vertex, until one of the sides intersecting in that vertex is in the same straight line as the other previously was : prove that the line, joining the vertex with the point of intersection of the two positions of the base, produced if necessary, bisects the angle between these two positions.
- iv. 10. Prove that the smaller of the two circles, employed in Euclid's construction, is equal to the circle described about the required triangle.
1863. i. 47. Two triangles ABC , $A'B'C'$ have their sides respectively parallel. BB_1 , CC_1 are drawn perpendicular to $B'C'$; CC_2 , AA_2 to $C'A'$; and AA_3 , BB_3 to $A'B'$. Prove that the sum of the squares on AB_1 , BC_2 , CA_3 together, is equal to the sum of those on AC_1 , BA_2 , CB_3 together.
- ii. 11. Divide a given straight line into two parts, such

that the rectangle contained by the whole and one part may be equal to that contained by the other part and a given straight line.

1863. III. 28. Two equal circles intersect in A, B ; PQT perpendicular to AB meets it in T , and the circles in P, Q . AP, BQ meet in R ; AQ, BP in S : prove that the angle RTS is bisected by TP .
1864. I. 38. If a quadrilateral figure have two sides parallel, and the parallel sides be bisected, the line joining the points of bisection shall pass through the point in which the diagonals cut one another.
- II. 14. Divide a given straight line (when possible) into three parts such that the rectangle contained by two of them shall be equal to a given rectilineal figure, and that the squares on these two parts shall together be equal to the square on the third.
- III. 36. If from a given point A without a given circle any two straight lines APQ, ARS , be drawn, making equal angles with the diameter which passes through A , and cutting the circle in P, Q , and R, S , respectively, then PS, QR , shall cut one another in a given point.
- IV. 11. If a figure of any odd number of sides have all its angular points on the same circle, and all its angles equal, then shall its sides be equal.
1865. I. 20. Give a geometrical construction for finding a point in a given straight line, the difference of the distances of which from two given points on the same side of the line shall be the greatest possible.
- II. 12. The base BC of an isosceles triangle ABC is produced to a point D ; AD is joined, and in AD a point E is taken, such that the rectangle AD, AE , is equal to the square on either of the equal sides AB, AC , of the triangle;

prove that the rectangle BD, CD is equal to the rectangle AD, ED .

1865. III. 18. A given straight line is drawn at right angles to the straight line joining the centres of two given circles : prove that the difference between the squares on two tangents drawn, one to each circle, from any point on the given straight line, is constant.

IV. 5. Having given one side of a triangle, and the centre of the circumscribed circle, determine the locus of the centre of the inscribed circle.

1866. I. 33. Prove that a quadrilateral, which has two opposite sides and two opposite obtuse angles equal, is a parallelogram.

Shew that the figure is not necessarily a parallelogram, if the equal angles are acute.

II. 9. Prove this also by superposition of the squares or their halves.

III. 32. If four circles be drawn, each passing through three out of four given points, the angle between the tangents at the intersection of two of the circles is equal to the angle between the tangents at the intersection of the other two circles.

IV. 2. In a given circle inscribe a triangle such that two of the sides of the triangle shall pass through given points and the third side be at a given distance from the centre of the given circle.

1867. I. 16. Any two exterior angles of a triangle are together greater than two right angles.

I. 43. What is the greatest value which these complements, for a given parallelogram, can have ?

II. 11. Divide a given straight line into two parts such that the squares on the whole line and on one of the parts shall be together double of the square on the other part.

1867. III. 22. If the chords, which bisect two angles of a triangle inscribed in a circle, be equal, prove that either the angles are equal, or the third angle is equal to the angle of an equilateral triangle.
1868. I. 41. $OKBM$ and $OLDN$ are parallelograms about the diameter of a parallelogram $ABCD$. In MN , which is parallel to BA , take any point P and prove that, if PC , produced if necessary, meet KL in Q , BP will be parallel to DQ .
- II. 12. In a triangle ABC , D , E , F are the middle points of the sides BC , CA , AB respectively, and K , L , M are the feet of the perpendiculars on the same sides from the opposite angles. Prove that the greatest of the rectangles contained by BC and DK , CA and EL , AB and FM , is equal to the sum of the other two.
- III. 35. Through a point within a circle, draw a chord, such that the rectangle contained by the whole chord and one part may be equal to a given square.
Determine the necessary limits to the magnitude of this square.
- IV. 4. If two triangles ABC , $A'B'C'$ be inscribed in the same circle, so that AA' BB' CC' meet in one point O , prove that, if O be the centre of the inscribed circle of one of the triangles, it will be the centre of the perpendiculars of the other.
1869. I. 40. ABC is a triangle, E and F are two points; if the sum of the triangles ABE and BCE be equal to the sum of the triangles ABF and BCF , then under certain conditions EF will be parallel to AC . Find these conditions, and determine when the difference instead of the sum of the triangles must be taken.

1869. II. 11. Shew that the point of section lies between the extremities of the line.
- III. 33. An acute-angled triangle is inscribed in a circle, and the paper is folded along each of the sides of the triangle: Shew that the circumferences of the three segments will pass through the same point. State the equivalent proposition for an obtuse-angled triangle.
- IV. 11. Shew that the circles, each of which touches two sides of a regular pentagon at the extremities of a third, meet in a point.
1870. I. 26. $ABCD$ is a square and E a point in BC ; a straight line EF is drawn at right angles to AE , and meets the straight line, which bisects the angle between CD and BC produced in a point F : prove that AE is equal to EF .
- II. 9. The diagonals of a quadrilateral meet in E , and F is the middle point of the straight line joining the middle points of the diagonals: prove that the sum of the squares on the straight lines joining E to the angular points of the quadrilateral is greater than the sum of the squares on the straight lines joining F to the same points by four times the square on EF .
- III. 32. AB , CD are parallel diameters of two circles, and AC cuts the circles in P , Q : prove that the tangents to the circles at P , Q are parallel.
- IV. 10. Hence shew how to describe an equilateral and equiangular pentagon about a circle without first inscribing one.
1871. I. 38. Through the angular points A , B , C , of a triangle are drawn three parallel straight lines meeting the opposite sides in A' , B' , C' respectively: prove that the triangles $AB'C'$, BCA' , $CA'B'$ are all equal.
- II. 10. Produce a given straight line so that the square on the whole line thus produced may be double the square on the part produced.

1871. III. 32. The opposite sides of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle are produced to meet in P , Q , and about the four triangles thus formed circles are described : prove that the tangents to these circles at P and Q form a quadrilateral equal in all respects to the original, and that the line joining the centres of the circles, about the two quadrilaterals, bisects PQ .
- IV. 5. A triangle is inscribed in a given circle so as to have its centre of perpendiculars at a given point : prove that the middle points of its sides lie on a fixed circle.
1872. I. 47 If CE , BD be the squares described upon the side AC , and the hypotenuse AB , and if EB , CD intersect in F , prove that AF bisects the angle EPD .
- III. 22. Two circles intersect in A , B : PAP' , QAQ' are drawn equally inclined to AB to meet the circles in P , P' , Q , Q' : prove that PP' is equal to QQ' .
- IV. 4. Having given an angular point of a triangle, the circumscribed circle, and the centre of the inscribed circle, construct the triangle.

BOOK V.

SECTION I.

On Multiples and Equimultiples.

DEF. I. A GREATER magnitude is a *Multiple* of a less magnitude, when the greater contains the less an exact number of times.

DEF. II. A LESS magnitude is a *Sub-multiple* of a greater magnitude, when the less is contained an exact number of times in the greater.

These definitions are applicable not merely to Geometrical magnitudes, such as Lines, Angles, and Triangles ; but also to such as are included in the ordinary sense of the word Magnitude, that is, anything which is made up of parts like itself, such as a Distance, a Weight, or a Sum of Money.

POSTULATE.

Any one magnitude being given, let it be granted that any number of other magnitudes may be found, each of which is equal to the first.

METHOD OF NOTATION.

Let A represent a magnitude, not as one of the letters used in Algebra to represent the *measure* of a magnitude, but let A stand for the magnitude itself. Thus, if we regard A as representing a weight, we mean, not the *number* of pounds contained in the weight, but the weight itself.

Let the words A, B together represent the magnitude obtained by putting the magnitude B to the magnitude A .

Let A, A together be abbreviated into $2A$,

A, A, A together $3A$,

and so on.

Let A, Arepeated m times be denoted by mA ,
 m standing for a whole number.

Let mA, mArepeated n times be denoted by nmA ,
 where nm stands for the arithmetical product of the whole numbers n and m .

Let $(m+n)A$ stand for the magnitude obtained by putting nA to mA , m and n standing for whole numbers.

These, and these only, are the symbols by which we propose to shorten and simplify the proofs of this Book: capital letters standing, in all cases, for *magnitudes*; and small letters standing for *whole numbers*.

SCALES OF MULTIPLES.

By taking a number of magnitudes each equal to A , and putting two, three, four.....of them together, we obtain a set of magnitudes, depending upon A , and all known when A is known; namely,

$A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A$and so on;

each being obtained by putting A to the preceding one.

This we call the SCALE OF MULTIPLES of A .

If m be a whole number, mA and mB are called *Equimultiples* of A and B , or, the *same* multiples of A and B respectively.

AXIOMS.

1. Equimultiples of the same, or of equal magnitudes, are equal to one another.

2. Those magnitudes, of which the same, or equal, magnitudes are equimultiples, are equal to one another.

3. A multiple of a greater magnitude is greater than the same multiple of a less.

4. That magnitude, of which a multiple is greater than the same multiple of another, is greater than that other magnitude.

NOTE 1. If A and B be two commensurable magnitudes, it is easy to show that there is *some* multiple of A , which is equal to *some* multiple of B .

For let M be a common measure of A and B ; then the scale of multiples of M is

$$M, 2M, 3M, \dots$$

Now *one* of the multiples in this scale, suppose pM , is equal to A , and *one*suppose qM , B .

Hence the multiple qpM is equal to qA , V. Ax. 1.

and the same multiple* is equal to pB ;

and therefore $qA = pB$. I. Ax. 1.

PROPOSITION I. (Eucl. v. 1.)

If any number of magnitudes be equimultiples of as many, each of each; whatever multiple any one of them is of its sub-multiple, the same multiple must all the first magnitudes, taken together, be of all the other, taken together.

Let A be the same multiple of C that B is of D .

Then must A, B together be the same multiple of C, D together that A is of C .

Let $A = C, C, C, \dots$ repeated m times.

Then $B = D, D, D, \dots$ repeated m times.

$\therefore A, B$ together $= C, D; C, D; C, D; \dots$ repeated m times

$\therefore A, B$ together is the same multiple of C, D together that A is of C .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION II. (Eucl. v. 2.)

If the first be the same multiple of the second that the third is of the fourth, and the fifth the same multiple of the second that the sixth is of the fourth ; the first together with the fifth must be the same multiple of the second, that the third together with the sixth is of the fourth.

Let A, B, C, D, E, F be six magnitudes, such that
 A is the same multiple of B , that C is of D , and
 E is the same multiple of B , that F is of D .

Then must A, E together be the same multiple of B , that C, F together is of D .

Let $A = B, B, B, \dots$ repeated m times ;

then $C = D, D, D, \dots$ repeated m times.

Also, let $E = B, B, B, \dots$ repeated n times ;

then $F = D, D, D, \dots$ repeated n times.

$\therefore A, E$ together $= B, B, B, \dots$ repeated $m+n$ times, . .
 and C, F together $= D, D, D, \dots$ repeated $m+n$ times.

$\therefore A, E$ together is the same multiple of B ,
 that C, F together is of D .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION III. (Eucl. v. 3.)

If the first be the same multiple of the second that the third is of the fourth ; and if of the first and third there be taken equimultiples, these must be equimultiples, the one of the second, and the other of the fourth.

Let A be the same multiple of B that C is of D ;
 and let E and F be taken equimultiples of A and C .

Then must E and F be equimultiples of B and D .

For let $A = B, B, \dots$ repeated m times $= mB$;

then $C = D, D, \dots$ repeated m times $= mD$.

Again, let $E = A, A, \dots$ repeated n times ;

then $F = C, C, \dots$ repeated n times.

$\therefore E = mB, mB, \dots$ repeated n times $= nmB$;

and $F = mD, mD, \dots$ repeated n times $= nmD$.

$\therefore E$ is the same multiple of B that F is of D .

Q. E. D.

SECTION II.

On Ratio and Proportion.

DEF. III. If A and B be magnitudes of the same kind, the relative greatness of A with respect to B is called the **RATIO** of A to B .

NOTE 2. When A and B are *commensurable*, we can estimate their relative greatness by considering what multiples they are of some common standard. But as this method is not applicable when A and B are *incommensurable*, we have to adopt a more general method, applicable both to commensurable and incommensurable magnitudes.

If A and B be magnitudes of the same kind, commensurable or incommensurable, the scale of multiples of A is

$$A, 2A \dots mA, (m+1)A \dots 2mA, (2m+1)A \dots 3mA \dots nmA \dots$$

and the Ratio of B to A is estimated by considering the position which B , or some multiple of B , occupies among the multiples of A .

If A and B be commensurable, a multiple of B can be found, such that it would occupy *the same place* among the multiples of A , which is occupied by *some one* of the multiples of A ; that is, this particular multiple of B represents the same magnitude as that, which is represented by *some one* of the multiples of A . See Note 1, p. 213.

If, for example, the 7th multiple in the scale of B represents the same magnitude as that which is represented by the 5th multiple in the scale of A , or in other words, if $7B = 5A$, we are enabled to form an exact notion of the greatness of B relatively to A .

When A and B are incommensurable, the relation $mA = nB$ can have no existence; that is, no pair of multiples, one in each of the scales of multiples of A and B , represent the same magnitude. But we can always determine whether a *particular* multiple of B be greater or less than some one of the multiples of A ; that is, we can always find between what two successive multiples of A any given multiple of B lies.

Hence, whether A and B be commensurable or incommensurable, we can always form a *third* scale, in which the multiples of B are distributed among the multiples of A .

Suppose, for example, we discover the following relations between particular multiples of A and B :

B greater than A and less than $2A$,
 $2B$ greater than $3A$ and less than $4A$,
 $3B$ greater than $5A$ and less than $6A$,

and so on; the *third* scale will commence thus

$A, B, 2A, 3A, 2B, 4A, 5A, 3B, 6A,$

and so on; the scale not being formed by any law, but constructed by special calculations for each term.

Such a scale we call the SCALE OF RELATION of A and B , and we give the following DEFINITION:—

The Scale of Relation of two magnitudes of the same kind is a list of the multiples of both *ad infinitum*, all arranged in order of magnitude, so that any multiple of either magnitude being assigned, the scale of relation points out between which multiples of the other it lies.

NOTE 3. It may here be remarked that, if A and B be two *finite* magnitudes of the *same* kind, however small B may be, we may, by continuing the scale of multiples of B sufficiently far, at length obtain a multiple of B greater than A .

Also, if B be less than A , one multiple at least of the scale of B will lie between each two consecutive multiples of the scale of A . From these considerations we shall be justified in assuming

- (1.) That we can always take mB greater than A or than pA .
- (2.) That we can always take nB such that it is greater than pA but not greater than qA , provided that B is less than A , and p than q .

We can now make an important addition to Definition III., so that it will run thus :—

If A and B be magnitudes of the same kind, the relative greatness of A with respect to B is called the Ratio of A to B , and this Ratio is determined by, that is, depends solely upon, the order in which the multiples of A and B occur in the Scale of Relation of A and B .

DEF. IV. Magnitudes are said to have a Ratio to each other, which can, being multiplied, exceed each the other.

This definition is inserted to point out that a ratio cannot exist between two magnitudes unless two conditions be fulfilled :—first, the magnitudes must be of the same kind ; secondly, neither of them may be infinitely large or infinitely small. See Note 3.

DEF. V. When there are four magnitudes, and when any equimultiples of the first and third being taken, and any equimultiples of the second and fourth, if, when the multiple of the first is greater than that of the second, the multiple of the third is greater than that of the fourth, and when the multiple of the first is equal to that of the second, the multiple of the third is equal to that of the fourth, and when the multiple of the first is less than that of the second, the multiple of the third is less than that of the fourth, then the first of the original four magnitudes is said to have to the second the same ratio which the third has to the fourth.

NOTE 4.—To make Def. v. clearer we give the following illustration. Suppose A, B, C, D to be four magnitudes; the scales of their multiples will then be—

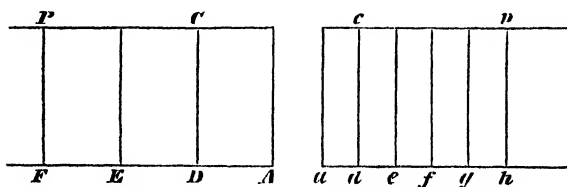
$A, 2A, 3A \dots m A \dots$,
 $B, 2B, 3B \dots n B \dots$,
 $C, 2C, 3C \dots m C \dots$,
 $D, 2D, 3D \dots n D \dots$;

where $m A, m C$ stand for *any* equimultiples of A and C , and $n B, n D$ stand for *any* equimultiples of B and D : then the Definition may be stated more briefly thus:

A is said to have the same ratio to B which C has to D , when $m A$ is found in the same position among the multiples of B , in which $m C$ is found among the multiples of D ; or, which is the same thing, *when the order of the multiples of A and B in the Scale of Relation of A and B , is precisely the same as the order of the multiples of C and D in the Scale of Relation of C and D* ; or, when *every* multiple of A is found in the same position among the multiples of B , in which the same multiple of C is found among the multiples of D .

NOTE 5. The use of Def. v. will be better understood by the following application of it.

To show that rectangles of equal altitude are to one another as their bases.



Let AC, ac be two rectangles of equal-altitude.

Let B, B' and R, R' stand for the bases and the areas of these rectangles respectively.

Take $AD, DE, EF, \dots m$ in number, and all equal,

And $ad, de, ef, fg, gh, \dots n$ in number, and all equal.

Complete the rectangles, as in the diagram.

Then base $AF = mB$,

base $ah = nB'$.

rectangle $AP = mR$,

rectangle $ap = nR'$,

Now we can prove, by superposition, that if AF be greater than ah , AP will be greater than ap , and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

That is, if mB be greater than nB' , mR is greater than nR' ; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

Hence, by Def. v.,

B is to B' as R is to R' .

Hence we deduce two Corollaries, which are the foundation of the proofs in Book vi.

COR. I. *Parallelograms of equal altitude are to one another as their bases.*

∴ For the parallelograms are equal to rectangles, on the same bases and between the same parallels.

COR. II. *Triangles of equal altitude are to one another as their bases.*

For the triangles are equal to the halves of the rectangles, on the same bases and between the same parallels.

N.B.—These Corollaries are proved as a direct Proposition in Eucl. vi. 1. Cor. II. could not, consistently with Euclid's method, be introduced in this place, for it assumes Proposition XI. of Book v.

DEF. VI. Magnitudes which have the same ratio are called *Proportionals*.

If A, B, C, D be proportionals, it is usually expressed by saying, A is to B as C is to D .

The magnitudes A and C are called the *Antecedents* of the ratios.
..... B and D *Consequents*

The antecedents are said to be *homologous* to one another, that is, occupying the same position in the ratios (*ὁμόλογοι*), and the consequents are said to be homologous to one another.

DEF. VII. When of the equimultiples of four magnitudes, taken as in Def. v., the multiple of the first is greater than [or is equal to] the multiple of the second, but the multiple of the third is not greater than [or is less than] the multiple of the fourth, then the first is said to have to the second a greater ratio, than the third has to the fourth.

NOTE 6. The meaning of Def. VII. may be expressed, after taking the scales of multiples as in the explanation of Def. v., thus :—

A is said to have to B a greater ratio than C has to D , when two whole numbers m and n can be found, such that mA is greater than nB , but mC not greater than nD ; or, such that mA is equal to nB , but mC less than nD .

SECTION III.

*Containing the Propositions most frequently referred to in
Book VI.*

NOTE 7. The Fifth Book of Euclid may be regarded in two aspects : first, as a Treatise on the Theory of Ratio and Proportion, complete in itself, and depending in no way on the preceding Books of the Elements ; and secondly, as a necessary introduction to the Sixth Book.

If we make the number of references in Book VI. a test of the importance of particular Propositions in Book V., they will be arranged in the following order :—

Proposition v. is referred to 23 times.

„ VI.	„	14	„
„ VIII.	„	7	„
„ XXI.	„	5	„
„ XVIII.	„	3	„
„ XII.	„	2	„

Propositions X., XI, XV., XVI., XIX., XXII., are referred to *once*.

It is desirable, then, that the student should observe that the *three* Propositions, which are of especial importance for Book VI., are included in this Section.

PROPOSITION IV.

If four magnitudes be proportionals, and any equimultiples be taken of the first and third, and also any equimultiples of the second and fourth, if the multiple of the first be greater than that of the second, the multiple of the third must be greater than that of the fourth ; and if equal, equal ; and if less, less.

Let A be to B as C is to D ,
and let any equimultiples mA , mC be taken of A and C .
and any equimultiples nB , nD of B and D .

*Then if mA be greater than nB , mC must be greater than nD ;
and if equal, equal ; if less, less.*

For if mA be greater than nB , but mC not greater than nD , then will A have to B a greater ratio than C has to D ;
which is not the case. V. Def. 7.

Hence if mA be greater than nB , mC must be greater than nD .

Similarly it may be shown that, if mA be equal to, or less than, nB , mC must also be equal to, or less than, nD .

Q. E. D.

N.B.—We have added this Proposition to meet an objection, which might be made to a reference to Definition v., when the *converse* of that Definition is wanted. This reference is of frequent occurrence in Simson's edition.

PROPOSITION V. (Eucl. v. 11.)

Ratios that are the same to the same ratio, are the same to one another.

Let A be to B as C is to D ,
and E be to F as C is to D .
Then must A be to B as E is to F .

Take of A , C , E any equimultiples mA , mC , mE .
and of B , D , F any equimultiples nB , nD , nF

Then $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,
 \therefore if mA be greater than nB , mC is greater than nD ;
 and if equal, equal; if less, less. V. 4.

Again, $\therefore C$ is to D as E is to F ,
 \therefore if mC be greater than nD , mE is greater than nF ;
 and if equal, equal; if less, less. V. 4.

Hence, if mA be greater than nB , mE is greater than nF ;
 and if equal, equal; if less, less.

$\therefore A$ is to B as E is to F . V. Def. 5.
 Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION VI. (Eucl. v. 7.)

Equal magnitudes have the same ratio to the same magnitude; and the same has the same ratio to equal magnitudes.

Let A and B be equal magnitudes, and C any other magnitude.

*Then must A be to C as B is to C ,
 and C must be to A as C is to B .*

Take mA and mB any equimultiples of A and B ,
 and nC any multiple of C .

Then $\therefore A = B$, $\therefore mA = mB$. V. Ax. 1.

\therefore if mA be greater than nC , mB is greater than nC ;
 and if equal, equal; if less, less.

$\therefore A$ is to C as B is to C . V. Def. 5.

Again, if nC be greater than mA , nC is greater than mB ;
 and if equal, equal; if less, less.

$\therefore C$ is to A as C is to B . V. Def. 5.
 Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION VII. (Eucl. v. 8.)

Of two unequal magnitudes, the greater has a greater ratio to any other magnitude than the less has ; and the same magnitude has a greater ratio to the less, of two other magnitudes, than it has to the greater.

Let A and B be any two magnitudes, of which A is the greater, and let D be any other magnitude.

Then must the ratio of A to D be greater than the ratio of B to D .

Take such equimultiples of A and B , qA and qB , that each of them may be greater than D . Note 3, p. 216.

Then $\because A$ is greater than B ,

$\therefore qA$ is greater than qB .

V. Ax. 3.

Let $qA = qB, R$ together.

Then, however small R may be, we can find a multiple of R , suppose mR , such that mR is greater than qB . Note 3.

Take equimultiples of qA and qB , mqA and mqB , and take a multiple of D , nD , such that nD is not less than mqB and not greater than $(mq + q) B$. Note 3.

Then $\because mqA = mqB, mR$ together,

V. 1.

and mR is greater than qB ,

$\therefore mqA$ is greater than $(mq + q) B$,

and, *a fortiori*, mqA is greater than nD .

But mqB is not greater than nD ,

\therefore the ratio of A to D is greater than the ratio of B to D .

V. Def. 7.

Also, the ratio of D to B must be greater than the ratio of D to A .

For, the same multiples being taken as before,

$\because nD$ is not less than mqB ,

and nD is less than mqA ,

$\therefore D$ has to B a greater ratio than D has to A .

V. Def. 7.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION VIII. (Eucl. v. 9.)

Magnitudes, which have the same ratio to the same magnitude, are equal to one another; and those, to which the same magnitude has the same ratio, are equal to one another.

Let A and B have the same ratio to C .

Then must $A = B$.

For if A were greater than B ,

A would have a greater ratio to C than B has to C ; V. 7. which is not the case.

And if A were less than B ,

B would have a greater ratio to C than A has to C ; V. 7. which is not the case.

$\therefore A = B$.

Next, let C have the same ratio to A that C has to B .

Then must $A = B$.

For we can show, as before, that A cannot be greater or less than B .

$\therefore A = B$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION IX. (Eucl. v. 10.)

That magnitude, which has a greater ratio than another has to the same magnitude, is the greater of the two; and that magnitude, to which the same has a greater ratio than it has to another magnitude, is the less of the two.

Let A have to C a greater ratio than B has to C .

Then must A be greater than B .

For if A were equal to B , then would A have the same ratio to C that B has to C ; which is not the case. V. 8.

And if A were less than B , then would A have to C a ratio less than that which B has to C ; which is not the case. V. 7.

$\therefore A$ is greater than B .

Next, let C have a greater ratio to B than it has to A .

Then must B be less than A .

For if B were equal to A , then would C have the same ratio to B which it has to A ; which is not the case. V. 8.

And if B were greater than A , then C would have to B a ratio less than that which C has to A ; which is not the case. V. 7.

$\therefore B$ is less than A .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION X. (Eucl. v. 12.)

If any number of magnitudes be proportionals, as one of the antecedents is to its consequent, so must all the antecedents taken together be to all the consequents.

Let any number of magnitudes $A, B, C, D, E, F \dots$ be proportionals, that is, A to B as C to D and as E is to $F \dots$

Then must A be to B as $A, C, E \dots$ together is to $B, D, F \dots$ together.

Take of A, C, E, \dots any equimultiples $mA, mC, mE \dots$

and of $B, D, F \dots$ any equimultiples $nB, nD, nF \dots$

Then $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D and as E is to $F \dots$

\therefore if mA be greater than nB , mC is greater than nD , and mE is greater than $nF \dots$; and if equal, equal; if less, less. V. 4.

\therefore if mA be greater than nB , $mA, mC, mE \dots$ together are greater than $nB, nD, nF \dots$ together; and if equal, equal; if less, less.

Now mA and $mC, mE \dots$ together are equimultiples of A and $A, C, E \dots$ together. V. 1.

And nB and $nD, nF \dots$ together are equimultiples of B and $B, D, F \dots$ together.

$\therefore A$ is to B as $A, C, E \dots$ together is to $B, D, F \dots$ together.

V. Def. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XI. (Eucl. v. 15.)

Magnitudes have the same ratio to one another which their equimultiples have.

Let A be the same multiple of C that B is of D .

Then must C be to D as A to B .

Divide A into magnitudes E, F, G, \dots each equal to C ,

and B into magnitudes H, K, L, \dots each equal to D ,

the number of the magnitudes being the same in both cases, because A and B are equimultiples of C and D .

Then $\therefore E, F, G, \dots$ are all equal,

and H, K, L, \dots are all equal.

$\therefore E$ is to H , as F to K , as G to $L \dots$ V. 6

$\therefore E$ is to H as $E, F, G \dots$ together is to $H, K, L \dots$ together, V. 10

that is, E is to H as A to B ;

and $\therefore E = C$, and $H = D$,

$\therefore C$ is to D as A to B .

Q. E. D.

SECTION IV.

On Proportion by Inversion, Alternation, and Separation

PROPOSITION XII. (Eucl. v. B.)

If four magnitudes be proportionals, they must also be proportionals when taken inversely.

Let A be to B as C is to D .

Then inversely B must be to A as D is to C .

Take of A and C any equimultiples mA and mC ,
and of B and D any equimultiples nB and nD .

Then $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,

\therefore if mA be greater than nB , mC is greater than nD ; and
if equal, equal; if less, less. V. 4.

Hence, if nB be greater than mA , nD is greater than mC ;
and if equal, equal; if less, less.

$\therefore B$ is to A as D is to C .

V. Def. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XIII. (Eucl. v. 13.)

If the first has to the second the same ratio which the third has to the fourth, but the third to the fourth a greater ratio than the fifth has to the sixth; the first must also have to the second a greater ratio than the fifth has to the sixth.

Let A have to B the same ratio that C has to D ,
but C to D a greater ratio than E has to F .

Then must A have to B a greater ratio than E has to F .

For $\because C$ has to D a greater ratio than E has to F ,
we can find such equimultiples of C and E , suppose mC and mE ,
and such equimultiples of D and F , suppose nD and nF ,
that mC is greater than nD , but mE not greater than nF .

V. Def. 7.

Then $\because A$ is to B as C is to D , Hyp.

and mC is greater than nD ,

$\therefore mA$ is greater than nB . V. 4.

And mE is not greater than nF .

$\therefore A$ has to B a greater ratio than E has to F . V. Def. 7.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XIV. (Eucl. v. 14.)

If the first has to the second the same ratio which the third has to the fourth; then, if the first be greater than the third the second must be greater than the fourth; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

Let A have the same ratio to B that C has to D .

Then if A be greater than C , B must be greater than D .

For $\because A$ is greater than C ,
and B is any other magnitude,

$\therefore A$ has a greater ratio to B than C has to B . V. 7.

But A is to B as C is to D .

$\therefore C$ has a greater ratio to D , than C has to B . V. 13.

$\therefore B$ is greater than D . V. 9.

Similarly it may be shown that if A be less than C , B must be less than D ; and that if A be equal to C , B must be equal to D . Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XV. (Eucl. v. 16.)

If four magnitudes of the same kind be proportionals, they must also be proportionals when taken alternately.

Let A, B, C, D be four magnitudes of the same kind, and let A be to B as C is to D .

Then alternately A must be to C as B is to D .

Take of A and B any equimultiples mA and mB ,
and of C and D any equimultiples nC and nD .

Then $\therefore mA$ is to mB as A is to B , V. 11.
and C is to D as A is to B , Hyp.

$\therefore mA$ is to mB as C is to D . V. 5.

But nC is to nD as C is to D ; V. 11.
and $\therefore mA$ is to mB as nC is to nD . V. 5.

If $\therefore mA$ be greater than nC , mB is greater than nD ;
and if equal, equal; if less, less. V. 14.

$\therefore A$ is to C as B is to D . V. Def. 5.
Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVI. (Eucl. v. 18.)

If magnitudes taken separately be proportionals, they must be proportionals also when taken jointly.

Let A have the same ratio to B that C has to D .

Then must A, B together have the same ratio to B , that C, D together has to D .

First, when all the magnitudes are of the same kind,

$\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,

$\therefore A$ is to C as B is to D .

V. 15.

$\therefore A, B$ together is to C, D together as B is to D ,

V. 10.

and $\therefore A, B$ together is to B as C, D together is to D .

V. 15.

Next, when all the magnitudes are not of the same kind, we may employ a method of proof which includes the former case: thus—

Take of A, B, C, D any equimultiples mA, mB, mC, mD , and of B and D take any equimultiples nB, nD .

Then $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,

\therefore if mA be greater than nB , mC is greater than nD ; and if equal, equal; if less, less.

V. 4.

If then mA, mB together be greater than mB, nB together, mC, mD together is greater than mC, nD together; and if equal, equal; if less, less.

I. Ax. 2, 4.

Now mA, mB together is the same multiple of A, B together that mC, mD together is of C, D together;

V. 1.

and mB, nB together is the same multiple of B that mD, nD together is of D .

V. 2.

$\therefore A, B$ together is to B as C, D together is to D .

V. Def. 5.
Q. E. D.

SECTION V.

*Containing the Propositions occasionally referred to in
Book VI.*

PROPOSITION XVII. (Eucl. v. 4.)

If the first of four magnitudes has to the second the same ratio which the third has to the fourth, and any equimultiples of the first and third be taken, and also any equimultiples of the second and fourth, then must the multiple of the first have the same ratio to the multiple of the second which the multiple of the third has to that of the fourth.

If A be to B as C is to D ,
and mA , mC be taken equimultiples of A and C ,
and nB , nD of B and D ,
then must mA be to nB as mC is to nD .

Take of mA , mC any equimultiples pmA , pmC ,
and of nB , nD qnB , qnD .

Then pmA , pmC are equimultiples of A and C , V. 3.
and qnB , qnD of B and D . V. 3.

And $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,
 \therefore if pmA be greater than qnB ,
 pmC is greater than qnD ; V. 4.
and if equal, equal; if less, less.

Then $\therefore pmA$, pmC are equimultiples of mA , mC ,
and qnB , qnD of nB , nD ,

$\therefore mA$ is to nB as mC is to nD . V. Def. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVIII. (Eucl. v. A.)

If the first of four magnitudes have the same ratio to the second that the third has to the fourth, then, if the first be greater than the second, the third must be greater than the fourth; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

Let A be to B as C is to D .

Then if A be greater than B , C must be greater than D ; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

Take any equimultiples of each, mA , mB , mC , mD .

Then $\because A$ is to B as C is to D ,

\therefore if mA be greater than mB , mC is greater than mD ;
and if equal, equal; and if less, less. V. 4.

First, suppose A greater than B ,

then mA is greater than mB , V. Ax. 3

and $\therefore mC$ is greater than mD ,

and $\therefore C$ is greater than D . V. Ax. 4

Similarly the other cases may be proved.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XIX. (Eucl. v. D.)

If the first be to the second as the third is to the fourth, and if the first be a multiple, or a submultiple, of the second, the third must be the same multiple, or the same submultiple, of the fourth.

Let A be to B as C is to D ,

and, first, let A be a multiple of B .

Then must C be the same multiple of D .

Let $A = mB$, and take mD the same multiple of D that A is of B .

Then $\because A$ is to B as C is to D ,

$\therefore A$ is to mB as C is to mD . V. 17.

But $A = mB$, and $\therefore C = mD$. V. 18.

Next, let A be a *submultiple* of B .

Then must C be the same submultiple of D .

For $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D ,

$\therefore B$ is to A as D is to C ,

V. 12

Now B is a multiple of A ,

and $\therefore D$ is the same multiple of C , by the first case.

Hence C is the same submultiple of D , that A is of B .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XX. (Eucl. v. 20.)

If there be three magnitudes, and other three, which have the same ratio, taken two and two, then, if the first be greater than the third, the fourth must be greater than the sixth; and if equal, equal; if less, less.

Let A, B, C be three magnitudes, and D, E, F other three,

and let A be to B as D is to E ,

and B be to C as E is to F .

Then if A be greater than C , D must be greater than F ; and if equal, equal; if less, less.

First, if A be greater than C ,

A has to B a greater ratio than C has to B .

V. 7.

But C has to B the same ratio that F has to E , Hyp. & V. 12.

$\therefore A$ has to B a greater ratio than F has to E .

$\therefore D$ has to E a greater ratio than F has to E .

V. 13.

$\therefore D$ is greater than F .

V. 9.

Similarly the other cases may be proved.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXI. (Eucl. v. 22.)

If there be any number of magnitudes, and as many others, which have the same ratio taken two and two in order, the first must have to the last of the first magnitudes the same ratio which the first of the others has to the last of these.

First, let there be three magnitudes A, B, C , and other three D, E, F .

And let A be to B as D is to E ,

and B be to C as E is to F .

Then must A be to C as D is to F .

Take of A and D any equimultiples mA, mD ,

of B and E nB, nE ,

of C and F pC, pF .

Then $\because A$ is to B as D is to E ,

$\therefore mA$ is to nB as mD is to nE .

V. 17.

So also, nB is to pC as nE is to pF .

\therefore if mA be greater than pC , mD is greater than pF ,
and if equal, equal; if less, less.

V. 20.

$\therefore A$ is to C as D is to F .

V. Def. 5.

The proposition may be easily extended to any number of magnitudes.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXII. (Eucl. v. 24.)

If the first have to the second the same ratio which the third has to the fourth, and the fifth have to the second the same ratio which the sixth has to the fourth, then the first and fifth together must have to the second the same ratio which the third and sixth together have to the fourth.

Let A be to B as C is to D ,

and E be to B as F is to D .

Then must A, E together be to B as C, F together is to D .

For $\because E$ is to B as F is to D ,

$\therefore B$ is to E as D is to F .

V. 12.

And $\because A$ is to B as C is to D ,

and B is to E as D is to F ,

$\therefore A$ is to E as C is to F .

V. 21.

$\therefore A, E$ together is to E as C, F together is to F ,

V. 16.

and E is to B as F is to D ;

$\therefore A, E$ together is to B as C, F together is to D .

V. 21.

Q. E. D.

SECTION VI.

Containing the Propositions to which no reference is made in Book VI.

PROPOSITION XXIII. (Eucl. v. 5.)

If one magnitude be the same multiple of another, which a magnitude taken from the first is of a magnitude taken from the other, the remainder must be the same multiple of the remainder, that the whole is of the whole.

Let B and D be the magnitudes which are taken away,
and A and C the magnitudes which remain,
then A, B together, and C, D together will be the wholes.

And let A, B together be the same multiple of C, D together,
that B is of D .

Then must A be the same multiple of C that A, B together is of C, D together.

Take E the same multiple of C that B is of D ,

Then E, B together is the same multiple of C, D together
that B is of D . V. 1.

But A, B together is the same multiple of C, D together
that B is of D .

$\therefore E, B$ together $= A, B$ together, V. Ax. 1.
and $\therefore E = A$. I. Ax. 3.

$\therefore A$ is the same multiple of C that B is of D .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXIV. (Eucl. v. 6.)

If two magnitudes be equimultiples of two others, and if equimultiples of these be taken from the first two, the remainders are either equal to these others, or equimultiples of them.

Let B and D be the magnitudes which are taken away,
and A and C the magnitudes which remain ;
then A, B together and C, D together will be the wholes.

Let A, B together be the same multiple of P ,
that C, D together is of Q ,
and let B be the same multiple of P , that D is of Q .

*Then must A and C be equal respectively to P and Q ,
or A and C be equimultiples of P and Q .*

For let A, B together $= P, P$repeated $m + n$ times,
then C, D together $= Q, Q$repeated $m + n$ times.

Also, let $B = P, P$repeated n times,
then $D = Q, Q$repeated n times.

Hence $A = P, P$repeated m times,
and $C = Q, Q$repeated m times.

If then $A = P, m = 1$, and $\therefore C = Q$;
and if A be a multiple of P, C is the same multiple of Q .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXV. (Eucl. v. 17.)

If magnitudes, taken jointly, be proportionals, they shall also be proportionals when taken separately; that is, if two magnitudes together have to one of them the same ratio which two others have to one of these, the remaining one of the first two must have to the other the same ratio which the remaining one of the last two has to the other of these.

Let A, B together have the same ratio to B
that C, D together have to D .

Then must A be to B as C to D .

Take of A, B, C, D any equimultiples mA, mB, mC, mD ,
and again of B, D take any equimultiples nB, nD .

Then $\because mA$ is the same multiple of A that mB is of B ,

$\therefore mA, mB$ together is the same multiple of A, B
together that mA is of A . V. 1

And $\because mC$ is the same multiple of C that mD is of D ,

$\therefore mC, mD$ together is the same multiple of C, D
together that mC is of C . V. 1.

But mA is the same multiple of A that mC is of C .

$\therefore mA, mB$ together is the same multiple of A, B
together that mC, mD together is of C, D together.

Again, mB, nB together is the same multiple of B that
 mD, nD together is of D .

Now, since A, B together is to B as C, D together is to D ,

\therefore if mA, mB together be greater than mB, nB together,
 mC, mD together is greater than mD, nD together; and if
equal, equal; if less, less. V. 4.

That is, if mA be greater than nB, mC is greater than nD ;
and if equal, equal; if less, less. I. Ax. 3, 5.

$\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D .

V. Def. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXVI. (Eucl. v. 19.)

If a whole magnitude be to a whole as a magnitude taken from the first is to a magnitude taken from the other, the remainder must be to the remainder as the whole is to the whole.

Let A, B together have the same ratio to C, D together that B has to D .

Then must A be to C as A, B together is to C, D together.

For $\because A, B$ together is to C, D together as B is to D ,

$\therefore A, B$ together is to B as C, D together is to D , V. 15

and $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D , V. 25.

Hence A is to C as B is to D . V. 15

But A, B together is to C, D together as B is to D . Hyp.

$\therefore A$ is to C as A, B together is to C, D together. V. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXVII. (Eucl. v. 21.)

If there be three magnitudes, and other three, which have the same ratio, taken two and two, but in a cross order, then if the first be greater than the third, the fourth must be greater than the sixth; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

Let A, B, C be three magnitudes, and D, E, F other three,

and let A be to B as E is to F ,

and B be to C as D is to E .

*Then if A be greater than C , D must be greater than F ;
and if equal, equal; and if less, less.*

First, if A be greater than C ,

A has to B a greater ratio than C has to B , V. 7.

and $\therefore E$ has to F a greater ratio than C has to B . V. 13.

Now $\because B$ is to C as D is to E ,

Hyp.

$\therefore C$ is to B as E is to D .

V. 12.

Hence E has to F a greater ratio than E has to D .

$\therefore D$ is greater than F .

V. 9.

Similarly the other cases may be proved.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXVIII. (Eucl. v. 23.)

If there be any number of magnitudes, and as many others, which have the same ratio, taken two and two in a cross order, the first must have to the last of the first magnitudes the same ratio which the first of the others has to the last of these.

Let A, B, C be three magnitudes, and D, E, F other three,
 and let A be to B as E is to F ,
 and B be to C as D is to E .
 Then must A be to C as D is to F .

Of A, B, D take any equimultiples mA, mB, mD , and
 of C, E, F take any equimultiples nC, nE, nF .

Now $\therefore A$ is to B as E is to F ,
 $\therefore mA$ is to mB as nE is to nF ; V. 11, and V. 5.

and $\therefore B$ is to C as D is to E ,
 $\therefore mB$ is to nC as mD is to nE . V. 17.

Hence, if mA be greater than nC , mD is greater than nF ,
 and if equal, equal; and if less, less. V. 27.
 $\therefore A$ is to C as D is to F . V. Def. 5.

The proposition may be easily extended to any number of magnitudes.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXIX. (Eucl. v. 25.)

If four magnitudes of the same kind be proportionals, the greatest and least of them together must be greater than the other two together.

Let A be to B as C is to D ,
and let A be the greatest of the four magnitudes, and consequently D the least. V. 18, and V. 14.

Then must A, D together be greater than B, C together.

Let $A = B, P$ together, and $C = D, Q$ together.

Then $\because B, P$ together is to B as D, Q together is to D ,

$\therefore P$ is to B as Q is to D , V. 25.

and B is greater than D .

$\therefore P$ is greater than Q . V. 14

Hence P, B, D together are greater than Q, B, D together.

I. Ax. 4

$\therefore A, D$ together are greater than B, C together.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXX. (Eucl. v. C.)

If the first be the same multiple of the second, or the same submultiple of it, that the third is of the fourth, the first must be to the second as the third is to the fourth.

First, let A be the same multiple of B , that C is of D .
Then must A be to B as C is to D .

Let $A = pB$ and $\therefore C = pD$.

Take of A and C any equimultiples mA , mC ,
and of B and D any equimultiples nB , nD .

Then $mA = mpB$ and $mC = mpD$. V. 3.

Now if mpB be greater than nB ,
 mpD is greater than nD ;
and if equal, equal ; if less, less.

That is, if mA be greater than nB , mC is greater than nD ;
and if equal, equal ; and if less, less.

$\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D . V. Def. 5.

Next, let A be the same submultiple of B , that C is of D .
Then must A be to B as C is to D .

For $\because A$ is the same submultiple of B , that C is of D ,
 $\therefore B$ is the same multiple of A , that D is of C ,
 $\therefore B$ is to A as D is to C , by the first case,

and $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D . V. 12.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXXI. (Eucl. v. E.)

If four magnitudes be proportionals, they must also be proportionals by conversion; that is, the first must be to its excess above the second as the third is to its excess above the fourth.

Let A, B together be to B as C, D together is to D .

Then must A, B together be to A as C, D together is to C .

For $\because A, B$ together is to B as C, D together is to D ,

$\therefore A$ is to B as C is to D , V. 26.

and $\therefore B$ is to A as D is to C , V. 12.

and $\therefore A, B$ together is to A as C, D together is to C . V. 16.

Q. E. D.

BOOK VI.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THE chief subject of this Book is the Similarity of Rectilinear Figures.

DEF. I. Two rectilinear figures are called *similar*, when they satisfy two conditions :—

I. For every angle in one of the figures there must be a corresponding equal angle in the other.

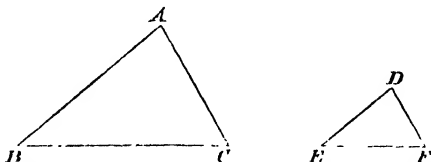
II. The sides containing any one of the angles in one of the figures must be in the same ratio as the sides containing the corresponding angle in the other figure: the antecedents of the ratios being sides which are adjacent to equal angles in each figure.

Thus ABC and DEF are similar triangles, if the angles at A, B, C be equal to the angles at D, E, F , respectively, and

if BA be to AC as ED is to DF ,

and AC be to CB as DF is to FE ,

and CB be to BA as FE is to ED .



The sides adjacent to equal angles in the triangles are thus *homologous*, that is, BA, AC, CB are respectively homologous to ED, DF, FE .

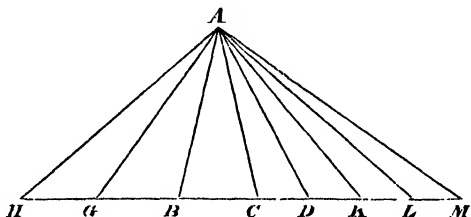
It will be shown in Prop. iv. that in the case of triangles the second of the above conditions follows from the first.

In the case of quadrilaterals and polygons *both* conditions are necessary: thus any two rectangles have each angle of the one equal to each angle of the other, but they are not necessarily similar figures.

N.B.—The very important Prop. xxv. (Eucl. vi. 33) is independent of all the other Propositions in this Book, and might be placed with advantage at the very commencement of the Book.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM.

Triangles of the same altitude are to one another as their bases.



Let the \triangle s ABC , ADC have the same altitude, that is, the perpendicular drawn from A to BD .

Then must $\triangle ABC$ be to $\triangle ADC$ as base BC is to base DC .

In DB produced take any number of straight lines
 BG , GH each $= BC$. I. 3.

In BD produced take any number of straight lines
 DK , KL , LM each $= DC$. I. 3.

Join AG , AH ; AK , AL , AM .

Then $\because CB$, BG , GH are all equal,

$\therefore \triangle$ s ABC , AGB , AHG are all equal. I. 38.

$\therefore \triangle AHC$ is the same multiple of $\triangle ABC$ that HC is of BC .

So also,

$\triangle AMC$ is the same multiple of $\triangle ADC$ that MC is of DC .

And $\triangle AHC$ is equal to, greater than, or less than $\triangle AMC$, according as base HC is equal to, greater than, or less than base MC . I. 38.

Now $\triangle AHC$ and base HC are equimultiples of $\triangle ABC$ and base BC ,

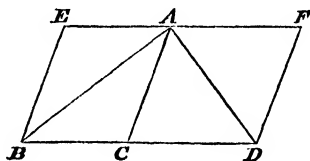
and $\triangle AMC$ and base MC are equimultiples of $\triangle ADC$ and base DC .

$\therefore \triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ADC$ as base BC is to base DC . V. Def. 5.

COR. I. *Parallelograms of the same altitude are to one another as their bases.*

Let $ACBE$, $ACDF$ be parallelograms having the same altitude, that is, the perpendicular drawn from A to BD .

Then must $\square ACBE$ be to $\square ACDF$ as BC is to DC .



For $\square ACBE = \text{twice } \triangle ABC$, I. 41.

and $\square ACDF = \text{twice } \triangle ADC$. I. 41.

$\therefore \square ACBE$ is to $\square ACDF$ as $\triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ADC$, V. 11.
and $\therefore \square ACBE$ is to $\square ACDF$ as BC is to DC . V. 5.

Q. E. D.

COR. II. *Triangles and Parallelograms, that have EQUAL altitudes, are to one another as their bases.*

Let the figures be placed, so as to have their bases in the same straight line; and having drawn perpendiculars from the vertices of the triangles to the bases, the straight line, which joins the vertices, is parallel to that, in which their bases are, because the perpendiculars are both equal and parallel to one another. I. 33.

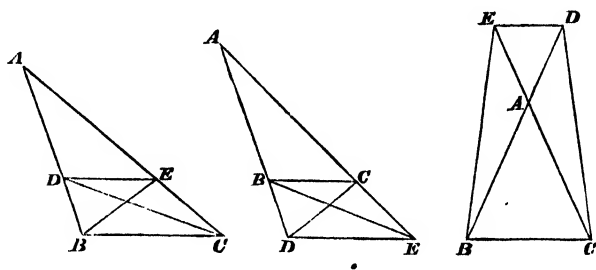
Then, if the same construction be made as in the Proposition, the demonstration will be the same.

EX. 1. ABC , DEF are two parallel straight lines; show that the triangle ADE is to the triangle FBC as DE is to BC .

EX. 2. If, from any point in a diagonal of a parallelogram, straight lines be drawn to the extremities of the other diagonal, the four triangles, into which the parallelogram is then divided, must be equal. two and two.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM.

If a straight line be drawn parallel to one of the sides of a triangle, it must cut the other sides, or those sides produced, proportionally.



Let DE be drawn \parallel to BC , a side of the $\triangle ABC$.

Then must BD be to DA as CE to EA .

Join BE , CD .

Then $\therefore \triangle BDE = \triangle CDE$, on the same base DE
and between the same \parallel s, DE , BC . I. 37.

$\therefore \triangle BDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$ as $\triangle CDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$ V. 6.

But $\triangle BDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$ as BD is to DA , VI.1.

and $\triangle CDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$ as CE is to EA ; VI.1.

$\therefore BD$ is to DA as CE is to EA . V. 5.

Ex. 1. If any two straight lines be cut by three parallel lines, they are cut proportionally. (N.B.—This is of great use.)

Ex. 2. If two sides of a quadrilateral be parallel to each other, a straight line, drawn parallel to either of them, shall cut the other sides, or these produced, proportionally.

And Conversely,

If the sides, or the sides produced, be cut proportionally, the straight line which joins the points of section must be parallel to the remaining side of the triangle.

Let the sides AB , AC of the $\triangle ABC$, or these produced, be cut proportionally in D and E , so that

BD is to DA as CE is to EA ,

and join DE .

Then must DE be parallel to BC .

The same construction being made,

$\therefore BD$ is to DA as CE is to EA ,

and BD is to DA as $\triangle BDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$, VI. 1.

and CE is to EA as $\triangle CDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$, VI. 1.

$\therefore \triangle BDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$ as $\triangle CDE$ is to $\triangle ADE$, V. 5.

and $\therefore \triangle BDE = \triangle CDE$; V. 8.

and they are on the same base DE ;

$\therefore DE$ is \parallel to BC . I. 39

Q. F. D.

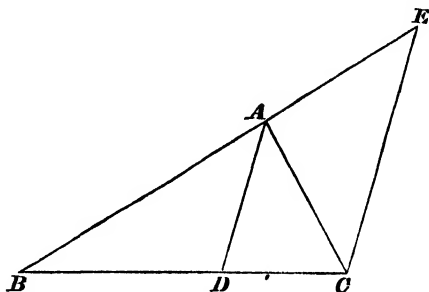
Ex. 3. If there be four parallel straight lines, two of these lines intercept upon two given lines, of unlimited length, OA , OB , parts proportional to the parts intercepted upon OA , OB , by the remaining two parallel straight lines.

Ex. 4. If the four sides of a quadrilateral figure be bisected, the lines joining the points of bisection will form a parallelogram.

Ex. 5. A quadrilateral figure has two parallel sides: shew that the straight line, joining the point of intersection of its other two sides produced and the point of intersection of its diagonals, bisects the two parallel sides.

PROPOSITION III. THEOREM.

If the vertical angle of a triangle be bisected by a straight line, which also cuts the base, the segments of the base must have the same ratio, which the other sides of the triangle have to one another.



Let $\angle BAC$ of $\triangle ABC$ be bisected by the st. line AD , which meets the base in D .

Then must BD be to DC as BA is to AC .

Through C draw $CE \parallel$ to DA ,
and let BA produced meet CE in E . I. 31.

Then $\angle BAD = \text{interior } \angle AEC$, I. 29.

and $\angle CAD = \text{alternate } \angle ACE$, I. 29.

But $\angle BAD = \angle CAD$, by hypothesis,

and $\therefore \angle AEC = \angle ACE$, Ax. I.

and $\therefore AC = AE$. I. B. Cor.

Then $\because AD$ is \parallel to EC , a side of $\triangle BEC$,

$\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AE , VI. 2.

and $\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AC . V. 6.

Ex. 1. Shew that in a parallelogram the diagonals do not bisect the angles, unless the sides are equal.

Ex. 2. Shew how to trisect a straight line of finite length.

Ex. 3. Shew that the bisectors of the angles of a triangle meet in the same point.

Ex. 4. The bisectors of the angles A and C , of a triangle ABC , meet the opposite sides in the points D and F : BA and BC are produced to F' and D' , so that AF' , AC and CD' are all equal: prove that $F'D'$ is parallel to FD .

And Conversely,

If the segments of the base have the same ratio, which the other sides of the triangles have to one another, the straight line, drawn from the vertex to the point of section, must bisect the vertical angle.

Let BD be to DC as BA is to AC ,
and join AD .

Then must $\angle BAD = \angle CAD$.

The same construction being made,

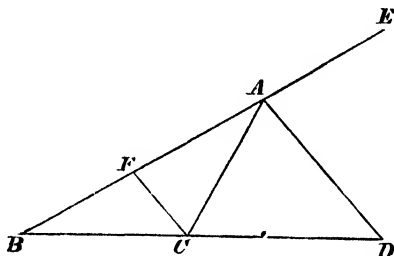
$\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AC ,	Hyp.
and BD is to DC as BA is to AE ,	VI. 2.
$\therefore BA$ is to AC as BA is to AE ,	V. 5.
and $\therefore AC = AE$,	V. 8.
and $\therefore \angle AEC = \angle ACE$.	I. A.
But $\angle AEC = \text{exterior } \angle BAD$,	I. 29.
and $\angle ACE = \text{alternate } \angle CAD$,	I. 29.
$\therefore \angle BAD = \angle CAD$.	Ax. 1.

Q. E. D.

Ex. 5. Two straight lines are drawn, bisecting the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle. Shew that the straight line, joining the points, in which they cut the sides, is parallel to the base.

PROPOSITION A. THEOREM.

If the exterior angle of a triangle be bisected by a straight line, which also cuts the base produced, the segments, between the dividing straight line and the extremities of the base, must have the same ratio, which the other sides of the triangle have to one another.



Let $\angle EAC$, an ext^r \angle of the $\triangle ABC$, be bisected by the st. line AD which meets the base produced in D .

Then must BD be to DC as BA is to AC .

Through C draw $CF \parallel$ to DA , meeting AB in F . I. 31.

Then $\angle EAD = \text{interior } \angle AFC$, I. 29.

and $\angle CAD = \text{alternate } \angle ACF$. I. 29.

But $\angle EAD = \angle CAD$, by hypothesis.

$\therefore \angle AFC = \angle ACF$, Ax. 1.

and $\therefore AC = AF$. I. B. Cor.

Then $\because AD$ is \parallel to FC , a side of $\triangle FBC$,

$\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AF , VI. 2.

and $\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AC . V. 6.

Ex. 1. If the angles at the base of the triangle be equal, how is the proposition modified?

Ex. 2. If B be any point in a straight line AC , intersected by another, CD , give a geometrical construction for determining a point D in CD , such that AD is to DB as AC is to CB .

And Conversely,

If the segments of the base produced have the same ratio, which the other sides of the triangle have to one another, the straight line drawn from the vertex to the point of section must bisect the exterior angle of the triangle.

Let BD be to DC as BA is to AC ,
and join AD .

Then must $\angle CAD = \angle EAD$.

For, the same construction being made,

$\therefore BD$ is to DC as BA is to AC ,	Hyp.
and BD is to DC as BA is to AF ,	VI. 2.
$\therefore BA$ is to AC as BA is to AF ,	V. 5.
and $\therefore AC = AF$,	V. 8.
and $\therefore \angle AFC = \angle ACF$.	I. A.
But $\angle AFC = \text{exterior } \angle EAD$,	I. 29.
and $\angle ACF = \text{alternate } \angle CAD$.	I. 29.
and $\therefore \angle CAD = \angle EAD$	Ax. 1.

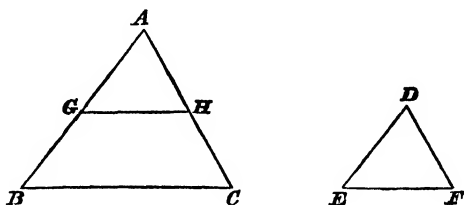
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Ex. 3. If the base be divided into two segments, having the same ratio with the segments specified in the Proposition, the straight lines, drawn from the two points of section to the vertex of the triangle, are at right angles to each other.

Ex. 4. If the angle, between the internal bisector and a side, be equal to the angle, between the external bisector and the base, the perpendicular to the greater side, through the vertex, will bisect the segment of the base, cut off between the bisecting lines.

PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM.

The sides about the equal angles of triangles, which are equiangular to one another, are proportionals; and those which are opposite to the equal angles, are homologous sides.



Let ABC , DEF be two Δ s, having the \angle s at A , B , C equal to the \angle s at D , E , F respectively.

Then must the sides about the equal \angle s be proportionals, those being homologous sides, which are opposite the equal \angle s.

For suppose ΔDEF to be applied to ΔABC ,
so that D coincides with A and DE falls on AB ;
then $\because \angle BAC = \angle EDF$, $\therefore DF$ will fall on AC .

Let G and H be the points in AB and AC , or these produced, on which E and F fall.

Join GH . GH will be \parallel to BC , $\because \angle AGH = \angle ABC$. I. 28.

Then BA is to GA as CA is to HA ,	VI. 2.
and $\therefore BA$ is to ED as CA is to FD ,	V. 6.
whence BA is to AC as ED is to DF .	V. 15.

Similarly, by applying the ΔDEF , so that the \angle s at F , E may coincide with those at C , B successively, we might show that

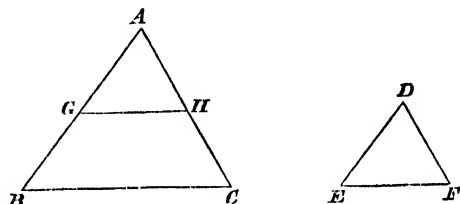
AC is to CB as DF is to FE , and that
 CB is to BA as FE is to ED .

Q. E. D.

Ex. Divide a given angle into two parts, such that the perpendiculars from any point of the dividing line upon the two arms of the angle may be in a given ratio.

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM.

If the sides of two triangles, about each of their angles, be proportionals, the triangles must be equiangular to one another, and must have those angles equal, which are opposite to the homologous sides.



Let the $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF have their sides proportional,
 so that BA is to AC as ED is to DF ,
 and AC is to CB as DF is to FE ,
 and CB is to BA as FE is to ED .

Then must $\triangle ABC$ be equiangular to $\triangle EDF$, those $\angle s$ being equal, which are opposite to the homologous sides, that is, $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$, and $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

In AB , produced if necessary, make $AG = DE$,
 and draw $GH \parallel$ to BC , meeting AC in H . I. 31.

Then $\triangle AGH$ is equiangular to $\triangle ABC$, I. 29.
 and $\therefore BA$ is to AC as GA is to AH . VI. 4.

But ED is to DF as BA is to AC ; Hyp.

and $\therefore ED$ is to DF as GA is to AH . V. 5.

But $ED = GA$, and $\therefore DF = AH$. V. 14.

So also it may be shown that $GH = EF$.

Then in $\triangle s$ AGH , DEF

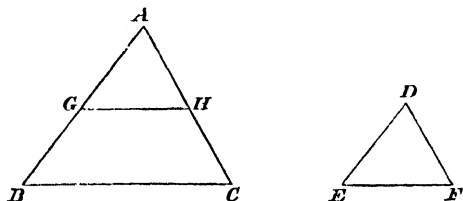
$\therefore GA = ED$, and $AH = DF$, and $HG = FE$,
 $\therefore \angle GAH = \angle EDF$; $\angle AGH = \angle DEF$; $\angle AHG = \angle DFE$. I. c.

But $\angle GAH = \angle BAC$; $\angle AGH = \angle ABC$; $\angle AHG = \angle ACB$.
 $\therefore \angle BAC = \angle EDF$; $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM.

If two triangles have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and the sides about the equal angles proportionals, the triangles must be equiangular to one another, and must have those angles equal, which are opposite to the homologous sides.



In the $\triangle s$ ABC , DEF , let $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$,
and let BA be to AC as ED to DF .

Then must $\triangle ABC$ be equiangular to $\triangle DEF$,
and $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

In AB , produced if necessary, make $AG = DE$,
and draw $GH \parallel$ to BC .

I. 31.

Then $\triangle AGH$ is equiangular to $\triangle ABC$,
and $\therefore GA$ is to AH as BA is to AC ,
and $\therefore GA$ is to AH as ED is to DF .

I. 29.

VI. 4.

V. 5.

But $GA = ED$, by construction,
and $\therefore AH = DF$.

V. 11.

Then $\therefore GA = ED$, and $AH = DF$ and $\angle GAH = \angle EDF$;

$\therefore \angle AGH = \angle DEF$, and $\angle AHG = \angle DFE$,

I. 4.

and $\therefore \angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

Q. E. D.

Ex. 1. If from B , C , the extremities of the base of a triangle ABC , be drawn BD , CE , perpendicular to the opposite sides, shew that the triangles ADE , ABC are equiangular.

Ex. 2. A variable chord OP is drawn through a fixed point O on the circumference of a circle, and Q is taken in it, so that the rectangle OP , OQ is constant, find the locus of Q .

Miscellaneous Exercises on Props. I. to VI.

1. If two triangles stand on the same base, and their vertices be joined by a straight line, the triangles are as the parts of this line intercepted between the vertices and the base.

2. If a circle be described on the radius of another circle as its diameter, and any straight line be drawn through the point of contact, cutting the two circles, the part intercepted between the greater and lesser circles, shall be equal to the part within the lesser circle.

3. The side BC , of a triangle ABC , is bisected in D , and any straight line is drawn through D , meeting AB , AC , produced if necessary, in E , F , respectively, and the straight line through A , parallel to BC , in G . Prove that DE is to DF as GE is to GF .

4. If the angle A , of the triangle ABC , be bisected by AD , which cuts BC in D , and O be the middle point of BC , then OD bears the same ratio to OB that the difference of the sides bears to their sum.

5. The lines drawn from the base of a triangle perpendicular to the line bisecting the vertical angle, are in the same ratio as the sides of the triangle.

6. If D , E be points in the sides AB , AC respectively of the triangle ABC , such that the triangles DAC , EAB are equal, shew that the sides AB , AC are divided proportionally in D and E .

7. If two of the exterior angles, of a triangle ABC , be bisected by the lines COE , BOD , intersecting in O , and meeting the opposite sides in E and D , prove that OD is to OE as AD is to AB , and that OC is to OE as AC is to AE .

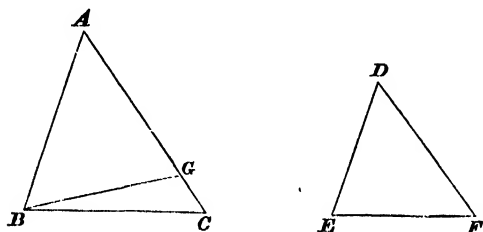
8. C , B , the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle, are joined to the middle points, E , F , of AB , AC , by lines intersecting in G . Shew that the area BCG is equal to the area $AEFF$.

9. If, through any point in the diagonal of a parallelogram, a straight line be drawn, meeting two opposite sides of the figure, the segments of this line will have the same ratio as those of the diagonal.

10. The sides AB , AC , of a triangle ABC , are produced to D and E , so that DE is parallel to BC , and the straight line DE is divided in F , so that DF is to FE as BD is to CE ; shew that the locus of F is a straight line.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM.

If two triangles have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and the sides about a second angle in each proportionals; then, if the third angles in each be both acute, both obtuse, or if one of them be a right angle, the triangles must be equiangular to one another, and must have those angles equal, about which the sides are proportionals.



In the Δ s ABC , DEF , let $\angle BAC = \angle EDF$,

and let AB be to BC as DE is to EF ,

and let \angle s ACB , DFF be both acute, both obtuse, or let one of them be a right angle.

Then must Δ s ABC , DEF be equiangular to one another, having $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$, and $\angle ACB = \angle DFE$.

For if $\angle ABC$ be not $= \angle DEF$, let one of them, as $\angle ABC$, be greater than the other, and make $\angle ABG = \angle DEF$, I. 23.

and let BG meet AC in G .

Then $\therefore \angle BAG = \angle EDF$, and $\angle ABG = \angle DEF$,

$\therefore \Delta ABG$ is equiangular to ΔDEF , I. 32.

and $\therefore AB$ is to BG as DE is to EF . VI. 4.

But AB is to BC as DE is to EF , Hyp.

$\therefore AB$ is to BG as AB is to BC , V. 5.

and $\therefore BG = BC$, V. 8.

and $\therefore \angle BCG = \angle BGC$. I. A.

First, let $\angle ACB$ and $\angle DFE$ be both acute,

then $\angle AGB$ is acute, and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is obtuse ; I. 13.

$\therefore \angle BCG$ is obtuse, which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Next, let $\angle ACB$ and $\angle DFE$ be both obtuse,

then $\angle AGB$ is obtuse, and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is acute ; I. 13.

$\therefore \angle BCG$ is acute, which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Lastly, let one of the third \angle s ACB , DFE be a right \angle .

If $\angle ACB$ be a rt. \angle ,

then $\angle BGC$ is also a rt. \angle ; I. A.

$\therefore \angle$ s BCG , BGC together = two rt. \angle s,

which is impossible. I. 17.

Again, if $\angle DFE$ be a rt. \angle ,

then $\angle AGB$ is a rt. \angle , and $\therefore \angle BGC$ is a rt. \angle . I. 13.

Hence $\angle BCG$ is also a rt. \angle , I. A.

and $\therefore \angle$ s BCG , BGC together = two rt. \angle s,

which is impossible. I. 17.

Hence $\angle ABC$ is not greater than $\angle DEF$.

So also we might shew that $\angle DEF$ is not greater than $\angle ABC$.

$$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle DEF,$$

$$\text{and } \therefore \angle ACB = \angle DFE. \quad \text{I. 32.}$$

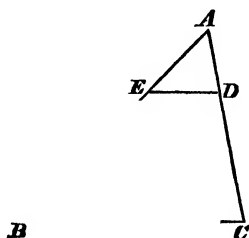
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N.B.—This Proposition is an extension of Proposition **II** of Book I. p. 42.

Note.—We have made a slight change in Euclid's arrangement of the four Propositions that follow, because Eucl. VI. 8 is closely connected with the proof of Eucl. VI. 13.

PROPOSITION VIII. PROBLEM. (Eucl. vi. 9.)

From a given straight line to cut off any submultiple.



Let AB be the given st. line.

It is required to shew how to cut off any submultiple from AB .

From A draw AC making any angle with AB .

In AC take any pt. D , and make AC the same multiple of AD that AB is of the submultiple to be cut off from it.

Join BC , and draw $DE \parallel$ to BC . I. 31.

Then $\therefore ED$ is \parallel to BC ,

$\therefore CD$ is to DA as BE is to EA , VI. 2.

and $\therefore CA$ is to DA as BA is to EA . V. 16.

$\therefore EA$ is the same submultiple of BA that DA is of CA . V. 19.

Hence from AB the submultiple required is cut off.

Q. E. F.

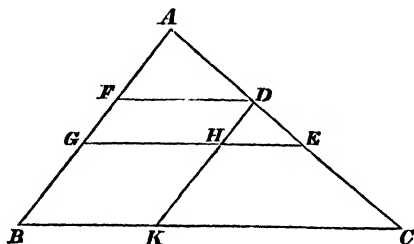
Ex. 1. Cut off one-seventh of a given straight line.

Ex. 2. Cut off two-fifths of a given straight line.

Note.—This Proposition is a particular case of Proposition IX.

PROPOSITION IX. PROBLEM. (Eucl. vi. 10.)

To divide a given straight line similarly to a given straight line.



Let AB be the st. line given to be divided, and AC the divided st. line.

It is required to divide AB similarly to AC .

Let AC be divided in the pts. D, E .

Place AB, AC so as to contain any angle.

Join BC , and through D, E draw $DF, EG \parallel$ to BC . I. 31.

Through D draw $DHK \parallel$ to AB . I. 31.

Then $\therefore FH$ and GK are \square s,

$\therefore FG = DH$, and $GB = HK$. I. 34.

And $\therefore HE$ is \parallel to KC ,

$\therefore KH$ is to HD as CE is to ED , VI. 2.

that is, BG is to GF as CE is to ED .

Again, $\therefore FD$ is \parallel to GE ,

$\therefore GF$ is to FA as ED is to DA . VI. 2.

Hence AB is divided similarly to AC .

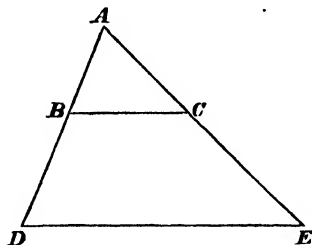
Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. Produce a given straight line, so that the whole produced line shall be to the produced part in a given ratio.

Ex. 2. On a given base describe a triangle, with a given vertical angle and its sides in a given ratio.

PROPOSITION X. PROBLEM. (Eucl. vi. 11.)

To find a THIRD proportional to two given straight lines.



Let AB and AC be the given st. lines.

It is required to find a third proportional to AB , AC .

Place AB , AC so as to contain any angle.

Produce AB , AC to D and E , making $BD = AC$. I. 3.

Join BC , and through D draw $DE \parallel$ to BC . I. 31.

Then $\because BC$ is \parallel to DE ,

$\therefore AB$ is to BD as AC is to CE , VI. 2.

and $\therefore AB$ is to AC as AC is to CE . V. 6.

Thus CE is a third proportional to AB and AC .

Q. E. F.

NOTE. This Proposition is a particular case of Proposition XI.

DEF. II. When three magnitudes are proportionals, the first is said to have to the third the duplicate ratio of that, which it has to the second.

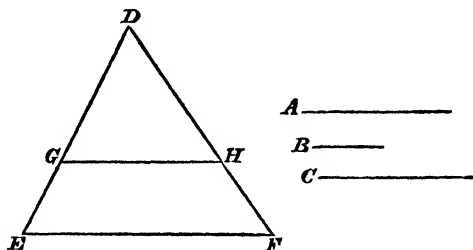
Thus here AB has to CE the duplicate ratio of AB to AC .

DEF. III. When three magnitudes are proportionals, the first is said to have to the third the ratio compounded of the ratio, which the first has to the second, and of the ratio, which the second has to the third.

Thus here AB has to CE the ratio compounded of the ratios of AB to AC and AC to CE .

PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM. (Eucl. VI. 12.)

To find a FOURTH proportional to three given straight lines.



Let A, B, C be the three given st. lines.

• It is required to find a fourth proportional to A, B, C .

Take DE, DF , two st. lines making an $\angle EDF$, and in these make $DG = A$, $GE = B$, and $DH = C$, I. 3.

and through E draw $EF \parallel$ to GH . I. 31.

Then, $\because GH$ is \parallel to EF ,

$\therefore DG$ is to GE as DH is to HF , VI. 2.

and $\therefore A$ is to B as C is to HF . V. 6.

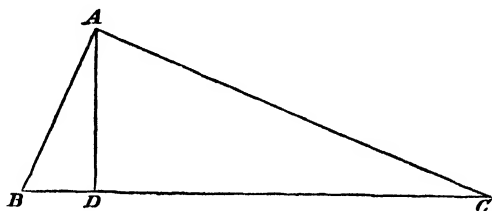
Thus HF is a fourth proportional to A, B, C .

Q. E. F.

Ex. ABC is a triangle inscribed in a circle, and BD is drawn to meet the tangent to the circle at A in D , at an angle ABD equal to the angle ABC . Show that AC is a fourth proportional to the lines BD, DA, AB .

PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM. (Eucl. VI. 8.)

In a right-angled triangle, if a perpendicular be drawn from the right angle to the base, the triangles on each side of it are similar to the whole triangle and to one another.



Let ABC be a right-angled Δ , having $\angle BAC$ a rt. \angle , and from A let AD be drawn \perp to BC .

Then must Δs DBA , DAC be similar to ΔABC , and to each other.

For \therefore rt. $\angle BDA = \text{rt. } \angle BAC$, and $\angle ABD = \angle CBA$,
 $\therefore \angle DAB = \angle ACB$. I. 32.

$\therefore \Delta DBA$ is equiangular, and \therefore similar to ΔABC . VI. 4.

In the same way it may be shown

that ΔDAC is equiangular, and \therefore similar to ΔABC .

Hence ΔDBA is similar to ΔDAC .

Q. E. D.

COR. I. DA is a mean proportional between BD and DC ,

For BD is to DA as DA is to DC . VI. 4.

COR. II. BA is a mean proportional between BC and BD ,

For BC is to BA as BA is to BD . VI. 4.

COR. III. CA is a mean proportional between BC and CD ,

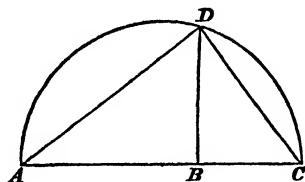
For BC is to CA as CA is to CD . VI. 4.

Q. E. D.

EX. B is a fixed point in the circumference of a circle, whose centre is C ; PA is a tangent at any point P , meeting CB produced in A , and PD is drawn perpendicularly to CB . Prove that the line bisecting the angle APD always passes through B .

PROPOSITION XIII. PROBLEM.

To find a MEAN proportional between two given straight lines.



Let AB and BC be the two given st. lines.

It is required to find a mean proportional between AB and BC .

Place AB and BC so as to make one st. line AC ,
and on AC describe the semicircle ADC .

From B draw $BD \perp$ to AC , and join AD , CD . I. 11.

Then $\because \angle ADC$ is a rt. \angle , III. 31.

and DB is \perp to AC ,

$\therefore DB$ is a mean proportional between AB and BC .

VI. 12, Cor. 1.

Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. Produce a given straight line, so that the given line may be a mean proportional between the whole line and the part produced.

Ex 2 Shew that either of the sides of an isosceles triangle is a mean proportional between the base and the half of the segment of the base, produced if necessary, which is cut off by a straight line, drawn from the vertex, at right angles to the equal side.

Ex. 3. Shew that the diameter of a circle is a mean proportional between the sides of an equilateral triangle and a hexagon, described about the circle.

Ex. 4. From a point A , outside a circle, a line is drawn, cutting the circle in B and C . Find a mean proportional between AB and AC .

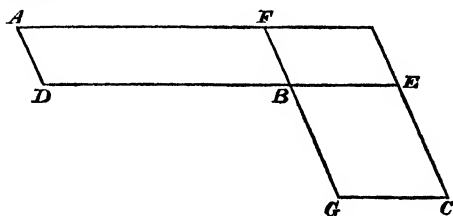
DEF. IV. Two figures are said to have their sides about two of their angles *reciprocally proportional*, when, of the four terms of the proportion, the first antecedent and the second consequent are sides of one figure, and the second antecedent and first consequent are sides of the other figure.

Thus, in the diagram on the opposite page, the figures AB and BC have their sides about the angles at B reciprocally proportional, the order of the proportion being

DB is to BE as GB is to BF .

PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM.

Equal parallelograms, which have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, have their sides about the equal angles reciprocally proportional.



Let AB, BC be equal \square s, having $\angle FBD = \angle EBG$.

Then must DB be to BE as GB is to BF .

Place the \square s so that DB and BE are in the same st. line ;
then must GB and BF also be in one st. line. I. 14.

Complete the $\square FE$.

Then $\therefore \square AB = \square BC$, and FE is another \square ,

$\therefore \square AB$ is to $\square FE$ as $\square BC$ is to $\square FE$. V. 6.

But as $\square AB$ is to $\square FE$ so is DB to BE , VI. 1, COR. I.

and as $\square BC$ is to $\square FE$ so is GB to BF . VI. 1, COR. I.

$\therefore DB$ is to BE as GB is to BF . V. 5.

And Conversely,

Parallelograms, which have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and their sides about the equal angles reciprocally proportional, are equal to one another.

Let the sides about the equal \angle s be reciprocally proportional, that is, let DB be to BE as GB is to BF .

Then must $\square AB = \square BC$.

For, the same construction being made,

$\therefore DB$ is to BE as GB is to BF ,

and that DB is to BE as $\square AB$ is to $\square FE$, VI. 1, COR. I.

and that GB is to BF as $\square BC$ is to $\square FE$, VI. 1, COR. I.

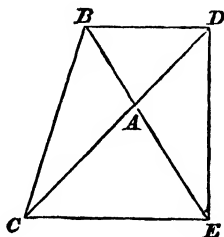
$\therefore \square AB$ is to $\square FE$ as $\square BC$ is to $\square FE$. V. 5.

and $\therefore \square AB = \square BC$. V. 8.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM.

Equal triangles, which have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, have their sides about the equal angles reciprocally proportional.



Let ABC, ADE be equal \triangle s, having $\angle BAC = \angle DAE$.

Then must CA be to AD as EA is to AB .

Place the \triangle s so that CA and AD are in the same st. line ;
then must EA and AB also be in one st. line. I. 14.

Join BD .

Then $\because \triangle ABC = \triangle ADE$, and ABD is another \triangle ,

$\therefore \triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ABD$ as $\triangle ADE$ is to $\triangle ABD$. V. 6.

But as $\triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ABD$ so is CA to AD , VI. 1.

and as $\triangle ADE$ is to $\triangle ABD$ so is EA to AB . VI. 1.

$\therefore CA$ is to AD as EA is to AB . V. 5.

Ex. 1. Shew that, provided the sides of one of the triangles be made the extremes, it is indifferent, so far as the truth of the Proposition is concerned, in what order the sides of the other triangle are taken as the means of the four proportionals.

Ex. 2. ABb, AcC are two given straight lines, cut by two others BC, bc , so that the two triangles ABC, Abc may be equal ; shew that the lines BC, bc divide each other in reciprocal proportion

And Conversely,

Triangles, which have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and their sides about the equal angles reciprocally proportional, are equal to one another.

Let the sides about the equal \angle s be reciprocally proportional, that is, let CA be to AD as EA is to AB .

Then must $\triangle ABC = \triangle ADE$.

For, the same construction being made.

$\therefore CA$ is to AD as EA is to AB ,

and that CA is to AD as $\triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ABD$, VI. 1.

and that EA is to AB as $\triangle ADE$ is to $\triangle ABD$, VI. 1.

$\therefore \triangle ABC$ is to $\triangle ABD$ as $\triangle ADE$ is to $\triangle ABD$. V. 5.

and $\therefore \triangle ABC = \triangle ADE$. V. 8.

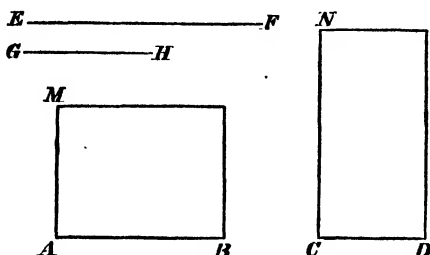
Q. E. D.

Ex. 3. Through the extremities of the base BC , of a triangle ABC , draw two parallel lines, BE and CD , meeting AC and AB produced in E and D respectively, so that BCD may be equal in area to ABE .

Ex. 4. P is any point on the side AC , of the triangle ABC ; CQ , drawn parallel to BP , meets AB produced in Q ; AN , AM are mean proportionals between AB , AQ , and AC , AP , respectively. Shew that the triangle ANM is equal to the triangle ABC .

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM.

If four straight lines be proportionals, the rectangle contained by the extremes is equal to the rectangle contained by the means.



Let the four st. lines AB , CD , EF , GH be proportionals, so that AB is to CD as EF is to GH .

Then must rect. AB , GH = rect. CD , EF .

Draw $AM \perp$ to AB , and $CN \perp$ to CD ; I. 11.

and make $AM = GH$, and $CN = EF$;

and complete the \square s BM , DN . I. 31.

Then $\because AB$ is to CD as EF is to GH ,

and that $EF = CN$, and $GH = AM$,

$\therefore AB$ is to CD as CN is to AM . V. 6.

Thus the sides about the equal \angle s of the equiangular \square s BM , DN are reciprocally proportional,

and $\therefore \square BM = \square DN$; VI. 14.

that is, rect. AB , AM = rect. CD , CN .

\therefore rect. AB , GH = rect. CD , EF .

Ex. 1. If E be the middle point of a semicircular arc AEB , and EDC be any chord, cutting the diameter in D , and the circle in C , prove that the square on CE is equal to twice the quadrilateral $AECB$.

And Conversely,

If the rectangle contained by the extremes be equal to the rectangle contained by the means, the four straight lines are proportionals.

Let rect. AB, GH = rect. CD, EF .

Then must AB be to CD as EF is to GH .

For, the same construction being made,

\therefore rect. AB, GH = rect. CD, EF ,

\therefore rect. AB, AM = rect. CD, CN ,

that is, $\square BM = \square DN$.

and these \square 's are equiangular to one another,

and \therefore the sides about the equal \angle s are reciprocally proportional, VI. 14.

and $\therefore AB$ is to CD as CN is to AM ,

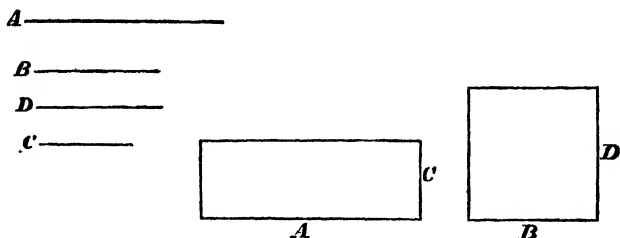
and $\therefore AB$ is to CD as EF is to GH . V. 6.

Q. E. D.

Ex. 2. If, from an angle of a triangle, two straight lines be drawn, one to the side subtending that angle, and the other cutting from the circumscribing circle a segment, capable of containing an angle, equal to the angle, contained by the first drawn line and the side, which it meets; the rectangle, contained by the sides of the triangle, shall be equal to the rectangle, contained by the lines thus drawn.

PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM.

If three straight lines be proportionals, the rectangle contained by the extremes is equal to the square on the mean.



Let the three st. lines A, B, C be proportionals, and let A be to B as B is to C .

Then must rect. A, C = sq. on B .

Take $D = B$.

Then $\therefore A$ is to B as B is to C ,

$\therefore A$ is to B as D is to C ,

V. 6.

and \therefore rect. A, C = rect. B, D ,

VI. 16.

that is, rect. A, C = sq. on B .

And Conversely,

If the rectangle contained by the extremes be equal to the square on the mean, the three straight lines are proportionals.

Let A, B, C be three straight lines such that

rect. A, C = sq. on B .

Then must A be to B as B is to C .

For, the same construction being made,

\therefore rect. A, C = sq. on B ,

and $B = D$,

\therefore rect. A, C = rect. B, D ;

and $\therefore A$ is to B as D is to C ,

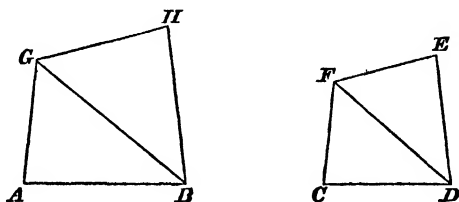
VI. 16.

that is, A is to B as B is to C

V. 6.

PROPOSITION XVIII. PROBLEM.

Upon a given straight line to describe a rectilinear figure similar and similarly situated to a given rectilinear figure.



Let AB be the given st. line, and $CDEF$ the given rectil. fig. of four sides.

It is required to describe on AB a fig. similar and similarly situated to $CDEF$.

Join DF , and at A and B , make $\angle BAG = \angle DCF$, and $\angle ABG = \angle CDF$;

then $\triangle BAG$ is equiangular to $\triangle DCF$.

At G and B , make $\angle BGH = \angle DFE$, and $\angle GBH = \angle FDE$;

then $\triangle GHB$ is equiangular to $\triangle FED$.

Then $\therefore \angle AGB = \angle CFD$, and $\angle BGH = \angle DFE$,

$$\therefore \angle AGH = \angle CFE.$$

Ax. 2.

So also $\angle ABH = \angle CDE$.

And we know that $\angle BAG = \angle DCF$,

and that $\angle GHB = \angle FED$,

\therefore rectil. fig. $ABHG$ is equiangular to fig. $CDEF$.

Also, $\therefore \triangle BAG$ is equiangular to $\triangle DCF$,

$\therefore BA$ is to AG as DC is to CF ; VI. 4.

and $\therefore \triangle BGH$ is equiangular to $\triangle DFE$,

$\therefore GB$ is to GH as FD is to FE . VI. 4.

Also, AG is to GB as CF is to FD .

$\therefore AG$ is to GH as CF is to FE . V. 21.

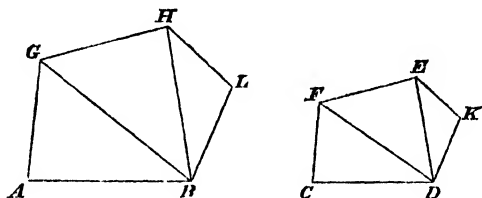
Similarly, it may shown that

GH is to HB as FE is to ED ,

and that HB is to BA as ED is to DC .

\therefore the rectil. figs. $ABHG$ and $CDEF$ are similar.

NEXT. Let it be required to describe on AB a fig., similar and similarly situated to the rectil. fig. $CDKEF$.



Join DE , and on AB describe the fig. $ABHG$, similar and similarly situated to the quadrilateral $CDEF$.

At B and H make $\angle HBL = \angle EDK$, and $\angle BHL = \angle DEK$; then $\triangle HLB$ is equiangular to $\triangle EKD$.

Then \therefore the figs. $ABHG$, $CDEF$ are similar,

$$\therefore \angle GHB = \angle FED;$$

and we have made $\angle BHL = \angle DEK$;

$$\therefore \text{whole } \angle GHL = \text{whole } \angle FEK. \quad \text{Ax. 2.}$$

For the same reason, $\angle ABL = \angle CDK$.

Thus the fig. $AGHLB$ is equiangular to fig. $CFEKD$.

Again, \therefore the figs. $AGHB$, $CFED$ are similar,

$$\therefore GH \text{ is to } HB \text{ as } FE \text{ is to } ED:$$

also we know that HB is to HL as ED is to EK , VI. 4.

$$\therefore GH \text{ is to } HL \text{ as } FE \text{ is to } EK. \quad \text{V. 21.}$$

For the same reason, AB is to BL as CD is to DK .

$$\text{And } BL \text{ is to } LH \text{ as } DK \text{ is to } KE; \quad \text{VI. 4.}$$

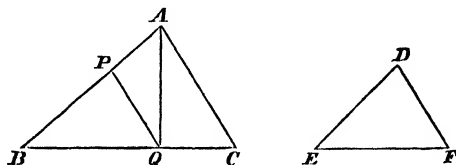
\therefore the five-sided figs. $AGHLB$, $CFEKD$ are similar.

In the same way a fig. of six or more sides may be described, on a given line, similar to a given fig.

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM.

Similar triangles are to one another in the duplicate ratio of their homologous sides.



Let ABC, DEF be similar Δ s,
having \angle s at $A, B, C = \angle$ s at D, E, F respectively,
so that BC and EF are homologous sides.

Then must ΔABC have to ΔDEF the duplicate ratio of that which BC has to EF .

Suppose ΔDEF to be applied to ΔABC , so that
 E lies on B, ED on BA , and $\therefore EF$ on BC .

Let P and Q be the pts. in BA, BC on which D and F fall.

Join AQ .

Then ΔABC is to ΔABQ as BC is to BQ , VI. 1.

and ΔABQ is to ΔPBQ as AB is to BP . VI. 1.

But AB is to BP as BC is to BQ , VI. 4.

$\therefore \Delta ABQ$ is to ΔPBQ as BC is to BQ . V. 5.

Hence ΔABC is to ΔABQ as ΔABQ is to ΔPBQ . V. 5.

$\therefore \Delta ABC$ has to ΔPBQ the duplicate ratio
of ΔABC to ΔABQ ; VI. Def. 2.

$\therefore \Delta ABC$ has to ΔPBQ the duplicate ratio
of BC to BQ . V. 5.

that is, ΔABC has to ΔDEF the duplicate ratio
of BC to EF .

Q. E. D.

COR. If MN be a third proportional to BC and EF ,
 BC has to MN the duplicate ratio of BC to EF , VI. Def. 2.
and $\therefore BC$ is to MN as ΔABC is to ΔDEF .

Miscellaneous Exercises chiefly on Proposition XIX.

Ex. 1. Prove this Proposition without drawing any line inside either of the triangles.

Ex. 2. In the figure, if BC be equal to FD , shew that the triangles will be in the ratio of AC to EF .

Ex. 3. Cut off the third part of a triangle by a straight line parallel to one of its sides.

Ex. 4. AB, AC are bisected in D and E . Prove that the quadrilateral $DBCE$ is equal to three times the triangle ADE .

Ex. 5. If a regular hexagon, a square, and an equilateral triangle be inscribed in the same circle, prove that the squares described on their sides are proportional to the numbers 1, 2, 3.

Ex. 6. A straight line drawn parallel to the diagonal BD of a parallelogram $ABCD$ meets AB, BC, CD, DA , in E, F, G, H . Prove that the triangles AFG, CEH are equal.

Ex. 7. If two triangles have an angle equal, and be to each other in the duplicate ratio of adjacent sides, they are similar.

Ex. 8. If two triangles have a common angle, shew that the areas of the triangles are proportional to the rectangles contained by the sides of the triangles about the common angle.

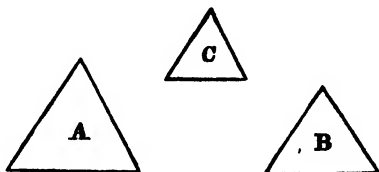
Ex. 9. From the extremities A, B , of the diameter of a circle, perpendiculars AY, BZ , are let fall on the tangent at any point C . Prove that the areas of the triangles ACY, BCZ are together equal to that of the triangle ACB .

Ex. 10. If to the circle, circumscribing the triangle ABC , a tangent at C be drawn, cutting AB produced in D , shew that AD is to DB in the duplicate ratio of AC to CB .

Ex. 11. Construct a triangle which shall be to a given triangle in a given ratio.

PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM. (Eucl. vi. 21.)

Rectilinear figures, which are similar to the same rectilinear figure, are also similar to each other.



Let each of the rectilinear figures *A* and *B* be similar to the rectilinear figure *C*.

Then must the figure A be similar to the figure B.

For $\because A$ is similar to *C*,

$\therefore A$ is equiangular to *C*,

and *A* and *C* have their sides about the equal \angle s proportional.
VI. Def. 1.

Again, $\because B$ is similar to *C*,

$\therefore B$ is equiangular to *C*,

and *B* and *C* have their sides about the equal \angle s proportional.
VI. Def. 1.

Hence *A* and *B* are each equiangular to *C*, and have the sides about the equal \angle s of each of them and of *C* proportionals.

$\therefore A$ is equiangular to *B*,

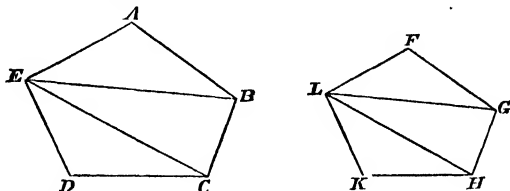
Ax. 1.

and *A* and *B* have their sides about the equal \angle s proportional.
V. 5.

\therefore the figure *A* is similar to the figure *B*. VI. Def. 1

PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM. (Eucl. VI. 20.)

Similar polygons may be divided into the same number of similar triangles, having the same ratio to one another, which the polygons have; and the polygons are to one another in the duplicate ratio of their homologous sides.



Let $ABCDE$, $FGHLK$ be similar polygons, and let AB be the side homologous to FG .

I. *The polygons may be divided into the same number of similar Δ s.*

II. *These Δ s have each to each the same ratio which the polygons have.*

III. *The polygon $ABCDE$ has to the polygon $FGHLK$ the duplicate ratio of that which the side AB has to the side FG .*

Join BE , EC , GL , LH : then

I. \because the polygon $ABCDE$ is similar to the polygon $FGHLK$,

$$\therefore \angle BAE = \angle GFL,$$

and BA is to AE as GF is to FL .

$$\therefore \Delta ABE \text{ is similar to } \Delta FGL.$$

VI. 6 and 4.

$$\text{and } \therefore \angle ABE = \angle FGL.$$

VI. Def. 1.

Again, \because the polygons are similar,

$$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle FGH,$$

VI. Def. 1.

$$\text{and } \therefore \angle EBC = \angle LGH;$$

Ax. 3.

and \because the Δ s ABE , FGL are similar,

$$\therefore EB \text{ is to } AB \text{ as } LG \text{ is to } FG;$$

VI. Def. 1.

also, \because the polygons are similar,

$$\therefore AB \text{ is to } BC \text{ as } FG \text{ is to } GH;$$

VI. Def. 1.

$$\text{and } \therefore EB \text{ is to } BC \text{ as } LG \text{ is to } GH,$$

V. 21.

$$\text{and } \therefore \text{since } \angle EBC = \angle LGH,$$

the ΔEBC is similar to ΔLGH .

VI. 6 and 4.

For the same reason the ΔECD is similar to ΔLHK .

Thus the polygons are divided into the same number of similar Δ s.

II. $\therefore \triangle ABE$ is similar to $\triangle FGL$,

$\therefore \triangle ABE$ has to $\triangle FGL$ the duplicate ratio of
 BE to GL . VI. 19.

So also, $\triangle EBC$ has to $\triangle LGH$ the duplicate ratio of
 BE to GL . VI. 19.

$\therefore \triangle ABE$ is to $\triangle FGL$ as $\triangle EBC$ is to $\triangle LGH$. V. 5.

Again, $\therefore \triangle EBC$ is similar to $\triangle LGH$,

$\therefore \triangle EBC$ has to $\triangle LGH$ the duplicate ratio of
 EC to LH . VI. 19.

So also, $\triangle ECD$ has to $\triangle LHK$ the duplicate ratio of
 EC to LH . VI. 19.

$\therefore \triangle EBC$ is to $\triangle LGH$ as $\triangle ECD$ is to $\triangle LHK$. V. 5.

But $\triangle EBC$ is to $\triangle LGH$ as $\triangle ABE$ is to $\triangle FGL$.

\therefore as $\triangle ABE$ is to $\triangle FGL$ so is $\triangle EBC$ to $\triangle LGH$,

and $\triangle ECD$ to $\triangle LHK$.

Now as one of the antecedents is to one of the consequents
 so are all the antecedents together to all the consequents
 together, V. 10.

and $\therefore \triangle ABE$ is to $\triangle FGL$ as polygon $ABCDE$ is to polygon
 $FGHKL$.

III. Since $\triangle ABE$ has to $\triangle FGL$ the duplicate ratio of
 AB to FG , VI. 19.

\therefore polygon $ABCDE$ has to polygon $FGHKL$ the duplicate
 ratio of AB to FG . V. 5.

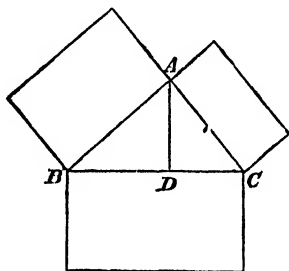
Q. E. D.

COR. I. In like manner it may be proved, that similar
 figures of *four* or *any number* of sides, are to one another in
 the duplicate ratio of their homologous sides: and it has been
 already proved for *triangles*, VI. 19. Therefore, universally,
 similar rectilinear figures are to one another in the duplicate
 ratio of their homologous sides.

COR. II. If MN be a third proportional to AB and FG , AB has to MN the duplicate ratio of AB to FG , VI. Def. 2. and $\therefore AB$ is to MN as the figure on AB to the similar and similarly described figure on FG ; that being true in the case of quadrilaterals and polygons, which has been already proved for triangles. VI. 19 Cor.

PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM. (Eucl. vi. 31.)

In right-angled triangles, the rectilinear figure, described upon the side opposite to the right angle, is equal to the similar and similarly described figures upon the sides containing the right angle.



Let ABC be a right-angled Δ , having the right $\angle BAC$.

Then must the rectilinear figure, described on BC , be equal to the similar and similarly described figures on BA , AC .

Draw $AD \perp$ to BC .

Then ΔABC is similar to ΔDBA , VI. 12.

and $\therefore BC$ is to BA as BA is to BD , VI. 4.

and \therefore as BC is to BD so is the figure described on BC to the similar and similarly described figure on BA , VI. 21, Cor. 2.

and \therefore as BD is to BC so is figure on BA to figure on BC . V. 12.

For the same reason

as DC is to BC so is figure on AC to figure on BC .

Hence as BD , DC together are to BC so are figures on BA , AC together to figure on BC . V. 22.

But BD , DC together are equal to BC , and

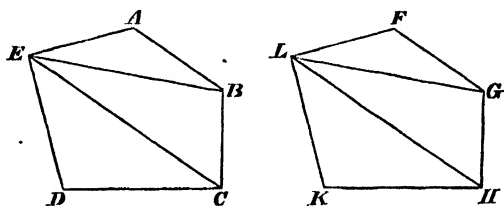
\therefore figures on BA , AC together = figure on BC . V. 18.

Q. E. D.

NOTE.—The Proposition which follows is not given by Euclid, but is necessary to the proof of Prop. XXIV.

PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM.

If two rectilinear figures be equal and also similar, their homologous sides must be equal, each to each.



Let the rectil. figs. $ABCDE$, $FGHIK$ be equal and similar, and let DC and KH be homologous sides of the figures.

Then must $DC = KH$.

For, if not, let DC be greater than KH .

Then $\therefore DC$ is to DE as KH is to KL ,

$\therefore DE$ is greater than KL . V. 14.

Hence if $\triangle KLI$ be applied to $\triangle DEC$, so that KH falls on DC and KL on DE (for $\angle HKL = \angle CDE$), LI will fall entirely within $\triangle DEC$,

$\therefore \triangle KLI$ is less than $\triangle DEC$.

But $\therefore \triangle DEC$ is to $\triangle KLI$ as figure $ABCDE$ is to figure $FGHIK$, VI. 21.

and figure $ABCDE = \text{figure } FGHIK$

$\therefore \triangle DEC = \triangle KLI$, V. 18.

or the greater = the less, which is impossible.

$\therefore DC$ is not greater than KH .

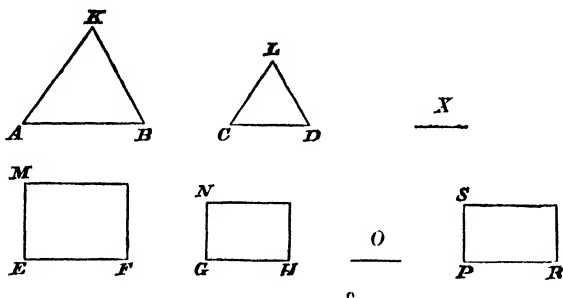
Similarly it may be shown that DC is not less than KH .

$\therefore DC = KH$.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXIV. (Eucl. vi. 22.)

If four straight lines be proportionals, the similar rectilinear figures similarly described upon them must also be proportionals.



Let the four straight lines AB , CD , EF , GH be proportionals, that is, AB to CD as EF is to GH ;

and upon AB , CD let the similar rectilinear figures KAB , LCD be similarly described ; and upon EF , GH the similar rectilinear figures MEF , NH in like manner.

Then must KAB be to LCD as MEF is to NH .

To AB , CD take a third proportional X and

to EF , GH take a third proportional O . VI. 10.

Then $\therefore AB$ is to CD as EF is to GH ,

$\therefore CD$ is to X as GH is to O , V. 5.

and $\therefore AB$ is to X as EF is to O . V. 21.

But as AB is to X so is KAB to LCD , VI. 21, Cor. 2.

and as EF is to O so is MEF to NH . VI. 21, Cor. 2.

$\therefore KAB$ is to LCD as MEF is to NH . V. 5.

And Conversely,

If the similar figures, similarly described on four straight lines, be proportionals, those straight lines must be proportionals.

The same construction being made,

let KAB be to LCD as MF is to NH ,

then must AB be to CD as EF is to GH .

Make as AB to CD so EF to PR ,

VI. 11.

and on PR describe the rectilinear figure SR , similar and similarly situated to either of the figures MF , NH .

VI. 18.

Then, by the first part of the proposition,

KAB is to LCD as MF is to SR .

But KAB is to LCD as MF is to NH .

Hyp.

$\therefore SR = NH$,

V. 8.

Also, SR and NH are similar and similarly situated,

and $\therefore PR = GH$.

VI. 23.

Now AB is to CD as EF is to PR ,

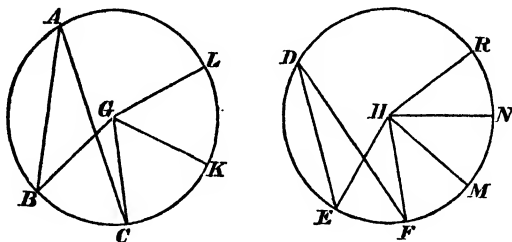
and $\therefore AB$ is to CD as EF is to GH .

V. 6

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM. (Eucl. VI. 33.)

In equal circles, angles, whether at the centres or the circumferences, have to one another the same ratio as the arcs which subtend them; and so also have the sectors.



In the equal \odot s ABC , DEF let the \angle s BGC , EHF at the centres, and the \angle s BAC , EDF at the circumferences, be subtended by the arcs BC , EF .

Then I. $\angle BGC$ must be to $\angle EHF$ as arc BC is to arc EF .

Take any number of arcs CK , KL , each $= BC$,
and any number of arcs FM , MN , NR each $= EF$.

Then \therefore arcs BC , CK , KL are all equal,

$\therefore \angle$ s BGC , CGK , KGL are all equal. III. 27.

$\therefore \angle BGL$ is the same multiple of $\angle BGC$ that
arc BL is of arc BC .

So also, $\angle EHR$ is the same multiple of $\angle EHF$ that
arc ER is of arc EF .

And $\angle BGL$ is equal to, greater than, or less than
 $\angle EHR$,

according as arc BL is equal to, greater than, or less than
arc ER . III. 27.

Now $\angle BGL$ and arc BL are equimultiples of $\angle BGC$ and arc BC ,
and $\angle EHR$ and arc ER are equimultiples of $\angle EHF$ and arc EF .

$\therefore \angle BGC$ is to $\angle EHF$ as arc BC is to arc EF . V. Def. 5.

II. $\angle BAC$ must be to $\angle EDF$ as arc BC is to arc EF .

For $\because \angle BGC = \text{twice } \angle BAC$, and $\angle EHF = \text{twice } \angle EDF$,

III. 20.

$\therefore \angle BAC$ is to $\angle EDF$ as $\angle BGC$ is to $\angle EHF$, V. 11.

and $\therefore \angle BAC$ is to $\angle EDF$ as arc BC is to arc EF . V. 5.

III. Sector BGC must be to sector EHF as arc BC is to arc EF .

For sectors BGC , CGK , KGL are all equal, III. 26, Cor.

and sectors EHF , FHM , MHN , NHR , are all equal,

III. 26, Cor.

\therefore sector BGL is the same multiple of sector BGC that arc BL is of arc BC ,

and sector EHR is the same multiple of sector EHF that arc ER is of arc EF ;

also, sector BGL is equal to, greater than or less than sector EHR , according as

arc BL is equal to, greater than, or less than arc ER , III. 26.

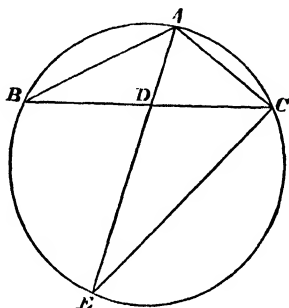
and \therefore sector BGC is to sector EHF as arc BC is to arc EF .

Q. E. D.

COR. In the *same* circle, angles, whether at the centres or the circumferences, have the same ratio as the arcs which subtend them, and so also have the sectors.

PROPOSITION B. THEOREM.

If an angle of a triangle be bisected by a straight line, which likewise cuts the base; the rectangle, contained by the sides of the triangle, is equal to the rectangle, contained by the segments of the base, together with the square on the line bisecting the angle.



Let $\angle BAC$ of the $\triangle ABC$ be bisected by the st. line AD .

Then $\text{rect. } BA, AC = \text{rect. } BD, DC$ together with $\text{sq. on } AD$.

Describe the $\odot ABC$ about the \triangle , III. B. p. 135.
produce AD to meet the \odot in E , and join EC .

Then $\because \angle BAD = \angle CAE$, Hyp.

and $\angle ABD = \angle AEC$, in the same segment, III. 21.

$\therefore \triangle ABD$ is equiangular to $\triangle AEC$. I. 32.

$\therefore BA$ is to AD as EA is to AC . VI. 4.

$\therefore \text{rect. } BA, AC = \text{rect. } EA, AD$, VI. 16.

$= \text{rect. } ED, DA$ together with $\text{sq. on } AD$.

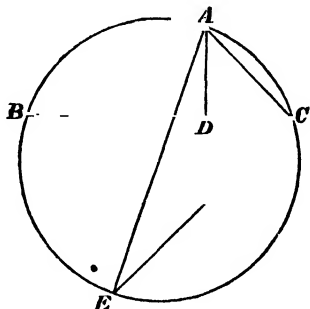
II. 3.

$= \text{rect. } BD, DC$ together with $\text{sq. on } AD$.

III. 35.

PROPOSITION C. THEOREM.

If from any angle of a triangle a straight line be drawn perpendicular to the base, the rectangle, contained by the sides of the triangle, is equal to the rectangle, contained by the perpendicular and the diameter of the circle described about the triangle.



Let ABC be a Δ , and AD the \perp from A to BC .

Describe the \odot ABC about the ΔABC ,

III. B.

draw the diameter AE , and join EC .

Then must rect. $BA, AC = \text{rect. } EA, AD$.

For \because rt. $\angle BDA = \angle ECA$, in a semicircle,

III. 31.

and $\angle ABD = \angle AEC$, in the same segment,

III. 21.

$\therefore \Delta ABD$ is equiangular to the ΔAEC .

I. 32.

$\therefore BA$ is to AD as EA is to AC ,

VI. 4.

and $\therefore \text{rect. } BA, AC = \text{rect. } EA, AD$.

VI. 16.

Q. E. D.

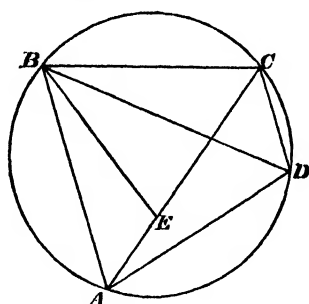
Ex. 1. Shew that the rectangle contained by the two sides can never be less than twice the triangle.

Ex. 2. ABC is a triangle, and AM the perpendicular upon BC , and P any point in BC ; if O, O' be the centres of the circles described about ABP, ACP , the rectangle AP, BC is double of the rectangle of AM, OO' .

Ex. 3. A bisector of an angle of a triangle is produced to meet the circumscribed circle. Prove that the rectangle, contained by this whole line and the part of it within the triangle, is equal to the rectangle contained by the two sides.

PROPOSITION D. THEOREM.

The rectangle, contained by the diagonals of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle, is equal to the sum of the rectangles, contained by its opposite sides.



Let $ABCD$ be any quadrilateral inscribed in a \odot .

Join AC , BD .

Then $\text{rect. } AC, BD = \text{rect. } AB, CD \text{ together with rect. } AD, BC$.

Make $\angle ABE = \angle DBC$; I. 23.

and add to each the $\angle EBD$.

Then $\angle ABD = \angle CBE$;

and $\angle BDA = \angle BCE$ in the same segment; III. 21.

$\therefore \triangle ABD$ is equiangular to $\triangle BCE$, I. 32.

$\therefore AD$ is to BD as CE is to BC , VI. 4.

and $\therefore \text{rect. } AD, BC = \text{rect. } BD, CE$. VI. 16.

Again, $\because \angle ABE = \angle DBC$, by construction,

and $\angle BAE = \angle BDC$, in the same segment, III. 21.

$\therefore \triangle ABE$ is equiangular to $\triangle BCD$. I. 32.

$\therefore AB$ is to AE as BD is to CD , VI. 4.

and $\therefore \text{rect. } AB, CD = \text{rect. } BD, AE$. VI. 16.

Hence $\text{rect. } AB, CD \text{ together with rect. } AD, BC$

$= \text{rect. } BD, AE \text{ together with rect. } BD, CE$.

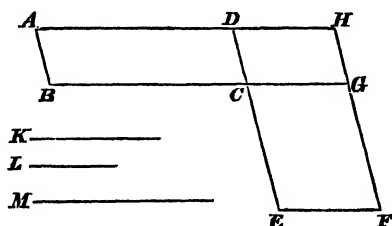
$= \text{rect. } AC, BD$. II. 1.

Q. E. D.

Ex. If the diagonals cut one another at an angle equal to one third of a right angle, the rectangles contained by the opposite sides are together equal to four times the quadrilateral figure.

PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM. (Eucl. vi. 23.)

Equiangular parallelograms have to one another the ratio, which is compounded of the ratios of their sides.



Let AC and CF be equiangular \square s, having $\angle BCD = \angle ECG$.

Then must $\square AC$ have to $\square CF$ the ratio compounded of the ratios of their sides.

Let BC and CG be placed in a straight line.

Then DC and CE are also in a straight line. I. 14.

Complete the $\square DG$, and taking any st. line K ,

make as BC is to CG so K to L VI. 11.

and make as DC is to CE so L to M . VI. 11.

Then $\therefore K$ has to M the ratio compounded of the ratios of K to L and L to M ,

$\therefore K$ has to M the ratio compounded of the ratios of the sides. VI. Def. 3, p. 260.

Now BC is to CG as $\square AC$ is to $\square CH$, VI. 1.

and DC is to CE as $\square CH$ is to $\square CF$, VI. 1.

$\therefore K$ is to L as $\square AC$ is to $\square CH$, V. 5.

and L is to M as $\square CH$ is to $\square CF$, V. 5.

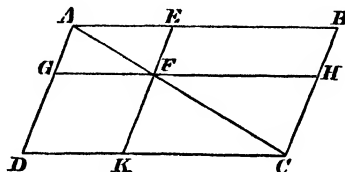
Hence K is to M as $\square AC$ is to $\square CF$; V. 21.

and $\therefore \square AC$ has to $\square CF$ the ratio compounded of the ratios of their sides.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM. (Eucl. vi. 24).

Parallelograms about the diameter of any parallelogram are similar to the whole parallelogram and to one another.



Let $ABCD$ be a \square , of which the diameter is AC ; and $AEFG$, $FHCK$ the \square s about the diameter.

Then must these \square s be similar to $ABCD$ and to each other.

For $\because GF$ is \parallel to DC , $\therefore \angle AGF = \angle ADC$, I. 29.

and $\because EF$ is \parallel to BC , $\therefore \angle AEF = \angle ABC$; I. 29.

and each of the \angle s EFB , BCD = opposite \angle BAD , I. 34.

and $\therefore \angle EFG = \angle BCD$. Ax. 1.

Thus the \square s $AEFG$, $ABCD$ are equiangular to one another.

Again, $\because EF$ is \parallel to BC ,

$\therefore AB$ is to BC as AE is to EF ; VI. 4.

and since the opposite sides of the \square s are equal,

$\therefore AB$ is to AD as AE is to AG , V. 6.

and DC is to CB as GF is to FE , V. 6.

and CD is to DA as FG is to GA . V. 6.

Thus the sides of the \square s $AEFG$, $ABCD$ about their equal angles are proportional.

$\therefore \square AEFB$ is similar to $\square ABCD$.

Similarly, $\square FHCK$ is similar to $\square ABCD$;

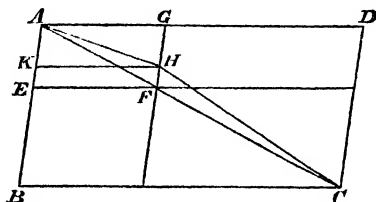
and $\therefore \square AEFB$ is similar to $\square FHCK$. VI. 20.

Q. E. D.

Ex. Show that each of the complements of the parallelogram is a mean proportional between the parallelograms about the diameter

PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM. (Eucl. VI. 26.)

If two similar parallelograms have a common angle, and be similarly situated, they are about the same diameter.



Let the \square s $ABCD$, $AEFG$ be similar and similarly situated, and have $\angle DAB$ common.

Then must $ABCD$ and $AEFG$ be about the same diameter.

For, if not, let $ABCD$ have its diameter, AHC , not in the same st. line with AF , the diameter of $AEFG$.

Let GF meet AHC in H , and draw $HK \parallel$ to AD . I. 31.

Then \square s $ABCD$, $AKHG$, about the same diameter, are similar. VI. 27.

and $\therefore DA$ is to AB as GA is to AK . VI. Def. 1.

But $\because ABCD$, $AEFG$ are similar \square s,

$\therefore DA$ is to AB as GA is to AE .

Hence GA is to AK as GA is to AE , V. 5.

and $\therefore AK = AE$, V. 8.

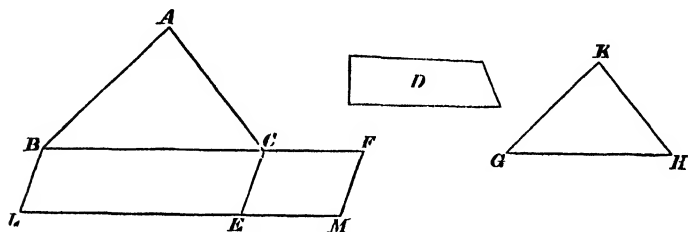
the less = the greater, which is impossible.

$\therefore ABCD$ and $AKHG$ are not about the same diameter, and $\therefore ABCD$ and $AEFG$ must have their diameters in the same st. line, that is, they are about the same diameter.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XXIX. PROBLEM. (Eucl. vi. 25.)

To describe a rectilinear figure which shall be similar to one, and equal to another, given rectilinear figure.



Let ABC and D be two given rectilinear figures.

It is required to describe a figure similar to ABC and equal to D .

On BC describe the $\square BLEC$ equal to ABC , and I. 45, Cor.
on CE describe the $\square CEFM$ equal to D , I. 45, Cor.
and having $\angle FCE = \angle CBL$.

Then BC and CF are in a straight line, I. 29 and 14.
and LE and EM are in a straight line.

Find GH , a mean proportional between BC and CF , VI. 13.
and on GH describe the rectilinear figure KGH , similar and
similarly situated to ABC . VI. 18.

Then $\therefore BC$ is to GH as GH is to CF ,

\therefore as BC is to CF so is ABC to KGH . VI. 20, Cor. 2.

But as BC is to CF so is $\square BE$ to $\square EF$, VI. 1.
and \therefore as ABC is to KGH so is $\square BE$ to $\square EF$. V. 5.

Now ABC is equal to $\square BE$, Constr.
and $\therefore KGH = \square EF$. V. 14.

But $\square EF =$ the figure D .

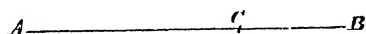
$\therefore KGH = D$; and KGH is similar to ABC .

Hence a figure KGH has been described as was required.

DEF. V. A straight line is said to be cut in extreme and mean ratio, when the whole is to the greater segment as the greater segment is to the less.

PROPOSITION XXX. PROBLEM. (Eucl. VI. 30.)

To cut a straight line in extreme and mean ratio.



Let AB be the given st. line.

It is required to cut AB in extreme and mean ratio.

Divide AB in the pt. C' so that rect. $AB, BC' = \text{sq. on } AC'$.
II. 11.

Then \therefore rect. $AB, BC' = \text{sq. on } AC'$.

$\therefore AB$ is to AC' as AC' is to BC' , VI. 17.

and $\therefore AB$ is cut in extreme and mean ratio in C' . Def. 5.

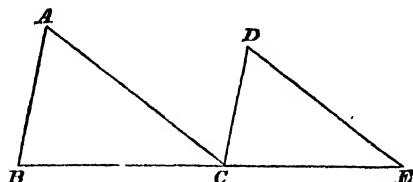
Q. E. F.

Ex. 1. If two diagonals of a regular pentagon be drawn to cut one another, they cut one another in extreme and mean ratio.

Ex. 2. If the radius of a circle be cut in extreme and mean ratio, the greater segment will be equal to the side of a regular decagon described in the circle.

PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM. (Eucl. vi. 32.)

If two triangles, SIMILARLY SITUATED, which have two sides of the one proportional to two sides of the other, be joined at one angle, so as to have their homologous sides parallel, each to each, the remaining sides must be in a straight line.



Let the Δ s ABC , DCE be similarly situated, having the sides BA , AC proportional to CD , DE , and let BA be \parallel to CD , and $AC \parallel$ to DE ;

Then must BC and CE be in one st. line.

For $\because AC$ meets the \parallel s BA , CD ,

$\therefore \angle BAC = \text{alternate } \angle ACD.$ I. 29.

And $\because CD$ meets the \parallel s AC , DE ,

$\therefore \angle ACD = \text{alternate } \angle CDE.$ I. 29.

Hence $\angle BAC = \angle CDE.$ Ax. 1.

Then $\because BA$ is to AC as CD is to DE , and $\angle BAC = \angle CDE$,

$\therefore \Delta ABC$ is equiangular to $\Delta DCE.$ VI. 6.

$\therefore \angle ACB = \angle DEC;$ VI. Def. 1.

and $\therefore \angle$ s ACB , ACE together = \angle s ACE , DEC together,
= two right angles. I. 29.

$\therefore BC$ and CE are in the same st. line. I. 14.

Q. E. D.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Book VI.

1. Two common tangents to two circles meet at A . If the diameter of the smaller circle, the distance between the centres, and the diameter of the larger circle, be in the ratio of 1, 2, 3, prove that the distance from A to the centre of each circle is equal to the diameter of that circle.

2. Straight lines are drawn through the angular points of a triangle, parallel to the opposite sides, and through the angular points of the triangle thus formed straight lines are drawn, parallel to its opposite sides, and so on; show that all these triangles are similar to the original triangle, and that any one of them has its sides bisected by the angular points of the preceding triangle.

3. If a point be taken within an equilateral triangle, the perpendiculars drawn from it to the three sides are together equal to the perpendicular drawn from one of the angles to the opposite side.

4. Upon AB as base two triangles ABC , ABD are described, and a line cutting CA is drawn parallel to CD . From the points where this line meets AC , AD , lines are drawn to meet CB , DB , and parallel to the base. Shew that these lines are equal.

5. If O be the centre, and AB the diameter of a circle, and if on AO as a diameter a circle be described, then the circumference of this circle will bisect any chord, drawn through it from A to meet the exterior circle.

6. On a given base describe a triangle, having a given vertical angle, and one of its sides double of the other.

7. From a point E in the common base of two triangles ACB , ADB , straight lines are drawn parallel to AC , AD , meeting BC , BD in F and G . Shew that the lines joining F , G and C , D will be parallel.

8. From the angular points, of a triangle ABC , straight lines AD , BE , CF , are drawn perpendicular to the opposite sides

and terminated by the circumscribing circle ; if L be the point of their intersection, shew that LD , LE , LF are bisected by the sides of the triangle.

9. If D and E be points in the sides of a triangle ABC , such that AD and AE are respectively the third parts of AB and AC , shew that BE and CD cut one another in a point of quadrisection.

10. In AB , AC , two sides of a triangle, are taken points D , E ; AB , AC are produced to F , G , such that $BF=AD$, and $CG=AE$: and BG , CF , FG are joined, the two former meeting in H . Show that the triangle FHG is equal to the triangles BHC , ADE together.

11. If the angle, between the internal bisector of the angle of a triangle and the base, be equal to the angle between the external bisector and the greater side produced, a perpendicular on this side through the vertex will bisect the segment of the base between the internal and external bisectors.

12. Triangles on equal bases and between the same parallels will have equal areas cut off by a line parallel to their bases.

13. From A , B , the extremities of the diameter of a circle, lines ACE , BCD , are drawn through a point C , on the circumference, to points E and D , such that EB and DA touch the circle. Shew that ED meets the tangent at C in AB produced.

14. Draw a straight line cutting two concentric circles, so that the part of it which is intercepted by the circumference of the greater may be four times as great as the part intercepted by the circumference of the less.

15. Shew how to inscribe a rectangle $DEFG$ in a triangle ABC , so that the angles D , E may be in AB , AC respectively, the side FG coincident with the base, and the area of the rectangle be equal to half that of the triangle.

16. If the bisectors of the opposite angles A , C , of a quadrilateral figure $ABCD$, intersect on the diagonal BD , then will the bisectors of the angles B , D meet on AC .

17. Two sides of a quadrilateral described about a circle are

parallel ; if the points of contact divide the other two sides proportionally, they are equally inclined to the first two.

18. If two triangles, on the same base, have their vertices joined by a straight line, which meets the base, or the base produced, shew that the parts of this line, between the vertices of the triangles and the base, are in the same ratio to each other as the areas of the triangles.

19. If perpendiculars be drawn from any point on the circumference of a circle to two tangents and the chord joining the points of contact, shew that the square on the perpendicular to the chord is equal to the rectangle contained by the other perpendiculars.

20. If the angles B, C , of the triangle ABC , be respectively equal to the angles D, E , of the triangle ADE , and the angles B, E , of the triangle ABE , to the angles D, C , of the triangle ADC , then these pairs of triangles shall be respectively equal to each other ; and if BE, CD , intersect in F , the triangles BFD, CFE , shall also be similar.

21. If, from the extremities of the diameter of a semicircle, perpendiculars be let fall on any line cutting the semicircle, the parts intercepted between those perpendiculars and the circumference are equal.

22. In a given circle place a chord, parallel to a given chord, and having a given ratio to it.

23. ABC is an equilateral triangle. Through C a line is drawn at right angles to AC , meeting AB produced in D , and a line through A parallel to BC in E . Through K , the middle point of AB , lines are drawn respectively parallel to AE, AC , and meeting DE in F and G . Prove that the sum of the squares on KG and FG is equal to three times the square on FE .

24. Find a point in the base of a right-angled triangle produced such that the line drawn from it to the angular point opposite to the base, shall be to the base produced as the perpendicular to the base itself.

25. AB is a given straight line, and D a given point in it; it is required to find a point P , in AB produced, such that AP is to PB as AD is to DB .

26. If two circles touch each other externally, and parallel diameters be drawn, the straight line, joining the extremities of those diameters, will pass through the point of contact.

27. If two circles touch each other, and also touch a straight line; the part of the line, between the points of contact, is a mean proportional between the diameters of the circles.

28. Two circles touch each other internally, the radius of one being treble that of the other. Shew that a point of trisection of any chord of the larger circle, drawn from the point of contact, is its intersection with the circumference of the smaller circle.

29. If ABC be a right-angled triangle, and D any point in its hypotenuse AB , determine by a geometrical construction the point P , to which AB must be produced, so that PA is to PB as AD is to DB .

30. If a line touching two circles cut another line joining their centres, the segments of the latter will be to each other as the diameters of the circles.

31. If through the vertex of an equilateral triangle a perpendicular be drawn to the side, meeting a perpendicular to the base, drawn from its extremity, the line, intercepted between the vertex and the latter perpendicular, is equal to the radius of the circumscribing circle.

32. If on the diagonals of a quadrilateral as bases, parallelograms be described, equal to the quadrilateral, find the ratio of their altitudes.

33. The opposite sides AB , DC of a quadrilateral $ABCD$, which can be inscribed in a circle, meet, when produced, at E ; F is the point of intersection of the diagonals, and EF meets AD in G ; prove that the rectangle EA , AB is to the rectangle ED , DC as AG is to GD .

34. If from the extremities of the diameter of a circle tangents be drawn, any other tangent of the circle, terminated by them, is so divided at its point of contact, that the radius of the circle is a mean proportional between the segments of the tangent.

35. If the sides of a triangle, inscribed in the segment of a circle, be produced to meet lines drawn from the extremities of the base, forming with it angles equal to the angle in the segment, the rectangle contained by these lines will be equal to the square on the base.

36. Describe a parallelogram, which shall be of a given altitude, and equal and equiangular to a given parallelogram.

37. Two circles touch each other internally at the point A , and from two points in the line joining their centres perpendiculars are drawn, intersecting the outer circle in the points B, C , and the inner circle in the points D, E . Shew that AB is to AC as AD is to AE .

38. Given of any triangle the base, and the point, where the line, bisecting the exterior vertical angle, cuts the base produced, find the locus of the vertex of the triangle.

39. Draw a line from one of the angles at the base of a triangle, so that the part of it cut off by a line drawn from the vertex parallel to the base, may have a given ratio to the part cut off by the opposite side.

40. If AC be drawn from A to a point C in the base of the triangle ABD , so that ABD, ACD are similar triangles, shew that DA touches the circle described about ABC .

41. If the centres A, B , of two circles be joined, and P be the point in the line AB , from which equal tangents can be drawn to the circles; the tangents drawn from any point in a line, which passes through P at right angles to AB are all equal.

42. Construct a triangle, similar to a given triangle, and having its angular points upon three given straight lines, which meet in a point.

43. Let $ABCD$ be any parallelogram, BD its diagonal. Then the perpendiculars, from A on BD , and from B and D upon AD and AB , shall all pass through a point.

44. If a quadrilateral be inscribed in a circle, its diagonals shall be to one another as the sums of the rectangles contained by the sides adjacent to their extremities.

45. A square is described on the base of an isosceles triangle, remote from the vertex. Prove that, if the vertex be joined to the corners of the square, the middle segment of the base will be to the outer one in twice the ratio of the perpendicular on the base to the base.

46. The base AB of an isosceles triangle ABC is produced both ways to D and E , so that the rectangle AD , BE is equal to the square on AC . Shew that the triangles DAC , EBC , are similar.

47. If each of the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle be double of the angle at the vertex, shew that either side is a mean proportional between the perimeter of the triangle, and the distance of the centre of the inscribed circle from either end of the base.

48. ABC is a triangle, and O is the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle. Shew that AO passes through the centre of the circle described about the triangle BOC .

49. Draw a line parallel to one of the sides of a triangle, so that it may be a mean proportional between the segments into which it divides one of the other sides.

50. If an equilateral triangle be inscribed in a circle, and the adjacent arcs cut off by two of its sides be bisected, shew that the line joining the points of bisection will be trisected by the sides.

51. ABC is an equilateral triangle, BC is produced to D , and CD is made equal to BC : CE is drawn at right angles to DCB , and at A the angle CAE is made equal to the angle DCA ; DE , DA are drawn. Shew that the rectangle DA ,

CE is equal to the rectangle DE , AC together with the square on CB .

52. Two straight lines AB , CD , intersect in E . If when AC , BD are joined, the sides of the triangle ACE , taken in order, are proportional to those of the triangle DBE , taken in order, shew that A , C , B , D , lie on the circumference of the same circle.

53. If any triangle be inscribed in a circle, and from the vertex a line be drawn parallel to a tangent at either extremity of the base, this line will be a fourth proportional to the base and two sides.

54. If a triangle be inscribed in a semicircle, and a perpendicular be drawn from any point in the diameter, meeting one side, the circumference, and the other side produced; the segments cut off will be in continued proportion.

55. If $ABCD$ be any quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle, and BK , DL be perpendiculars on the diagonal AC , shew that BK is to DL as the rectangle AB , BC is to the rectangle AD , DC .

56. If a rectangular parallelogram be inscribed in a right-angled triangle, and they have the right-angle common, the rectangle, contained by the segments of the hypotenuse, is equal to the sum of the rectangles, contained by the segments of the sides about the right angle.

57. If from the vertex of an isosceles triangle a circle be described, with a radius less than one of the equal sides, but greater than the perpendicular from the vertex to the base, the parts of the base cut off by it will be equal.

58. Through a fixed point A on a circle, a chord AB is drawn, and produced to a point M , so that the rectangle contained by AB and AM is constant. Find the locus of M .

59. If two sides of a triangle be unequal, the sum of the greater side and the perpendicular upon it from the opposite angle is greater than the sum of the less side and the perpendicular upon it from the opposite angle.

60. From one angle of a triangle, perpendiculars are dropped on the external bisectors of the other two angles; prove that the distance between the feet of these perpendiculars is equal to half the sum of the sides of the triangle.

61. A, B, P, Q, R , are five points in the circumference of a circle; p, q, r , are the intersections of perpendiculars of the triangles ABP, ABQ, ABR respectively; prove that the triangles PQR, pqr are similar, equal, and similarly placed.

62. AD, BE, CF are perpendiculars from the angular points of a triangle on the opposite sides, intersecting in P . Prove that the rectangle AP, BC is equal to the sum of the rectangles PE, AC and PF, AB .

63. ABC is a triangle, and AD, AE , are drawn to points D, E , in the base, so as to make equal angles with AB, AC , respectively. Shew that the square on AB is to the square on AC as the rectangle BD, BE is to the rectangle CD, CE .

64. Find a straight line, such that the perpendiculars, let fall upon it from three given points, shall be in a given ratio to each other.

65. Find a fourth proportional to three given similar triangles.

66. If the sides of a triangle be bisected, and the points joined with the opposite angles, the joining lines shall divide each other proportionally, and the triangle, formed by the joining lines, and the remaining side, shall be equal to a third of the original triangle.

67. Find the locus of a point, such that the distance between the feet of the perpendiculars from it upon two straight lines, given in position, may be constant.

68. $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, AC, BD diagonals. If parallel lines be drawn through A, C , and also through B, D , the diagonals of all parallelograms so formed will pass through the same point.

69. OPQ is any triangle. OR bisects PQ in R ; PST bisects OR in S , and cuts OQ in T . Shew that $OQ = 3OT$.

70. If the side BC , of a triangle ABC , be bisected by a line, which meets AD and AC , produced if necessary, in D and E respectively, shew that AE is to EC as AD is to DB .

71. Two circles are drawn in the same plane, having a common centre C . If the tangent, at any point P of the inner circle, meet the outer in Q , and be produced both ways to points A, B , such that QA, QB , are each of them equal to QC , the area of the triangle CAB will be constant.

72. From P , a point without a circle, whose centre is C , two tangents PA, PB , are drawn, and also a line, meeting the circle in D , and AB in E . If CF be perpendicular to PD , then FD is a mean proportional between FP and FE .

73. Three circles touch the sides of a triangle ABC in the points where the inscribed circle touches them, and touch each other, in the points G, H, K . Prove that AG, BH and CK meet in a point.

74. If ABC be a right-angled triangle, and EF , parallel to BC , the hypotenuse, meet AB, AC in E, F , then EH, FL, AK being drawn perpendicular to BC , shew that the difference of the rectangles CK, CH and BL, BK is equal to the difference of the squares on AB, AC .

75. From a point A in the circumference of a circle two chords AB, AC are drawn, cutting off arcs greater than a quadrant and less than a semicircle; and from the extremity B of the greater chord, a line BD is drawn in a direction perpendicular to that of the diameter through A , and meets AC produced in D . Shew that AD is to AB as AB is to AC .

76. Two circles intersect, and through a point of intersection two lines are drawn, terminated by the circumferences of both circles; one of these lines remains fixed, while the other may have any position. Shew that the locus of the intersection of the lines joining their extremities is a circle.

77. If the side BC of an equilateral triangle ABC be produced to any point D , and AD be joined, and if a straight line CE be drawn parallel to AB , cutting AD in E , prove that the square on AE is to the rect. DA, DE as the rect. CE, CB is to the square on DC .

78. In a triangle, right-angled at A , if the side AC be double of AB , the angle B is more than double the angle C .

79. From the obtuse angle of a triangle draw a line to the base, which shall be a mean proportional between the segments, into which it divides the base.

80. AB , AC are two straight lines, B and C given points in the same; BD is drawn perpendicular to AC , and DE perpendicular to AB ; in like manner CF is drawn perpendicular to AB , and FG to AC . Shew that EG is parallel to BC .

81. AB is the diameter of a circle, and CD a chord at right angles to it, E any point in CD . If AE and BE be drawn and produced to cut the circle in F and G , the quadrilateral $FCGD$ has any two of its adjacent sides in the same ratio as the remaining two.

82. $ADEB$ is a semicircle; AB the diameter; DF , EG perpendiculars on the diameter; C the centre of a circle, which touches the semicircle and these perpendiculars; and CH is drawn perpendicular to the diameter. Shew that CH is a mean proportional between AF and BG .

83. Divide a straight line in a given ratio, and produce it so that the whole line thus produced shall be to the part produced in the same ratio; shew that the circle described on the line between the two points of section, as diameter, is such, that if any point of its circumference be joined with the extremities of the given line, the straight lines so drawn shall also be in the given ratio.

84. If any secant be drawn through the intersection of two tangents to a circle, and if the points of intersection be joined to the points of contact of the tangents, shew that the rectangles under the pairs of opposite sides of the quadrilateral formed by the joining lines are equal.

85. Triangles on the same base, and with equal vertical angles, are to one another as the products of their sides.

86. A line $ACBD$ is divided, so that AC is to CB as AD is to DB . Shew that a semicircle, described on CD , is the locus of P , such that AP is to PB as AC is to CB .

87. If the two diagonals of a quadrilateral, inscribed in a circle, be given, shew that the quadrilateral is greatest, when they are at right angles.

88. ABC is a triangle, D, E , the middle points of AB, AC , and BE, CD , meet in F : a triangle is drawn, having its sides parallel to AF, BF, CF . Shew that the lines, joining its angular points to the middle points of its opposite sides, will be parallel to the sides of the triangle ABC .

89. A circle rolls within another, of twice its radius: if P be the point of contact, and A a given point of the rolling circle, PA will be constant in direction.

90. Two circles intersect; the line $AHKB$ joining their centres A, B , meets them in H, K . On AB is described an equilateral triangle ABC , whose sides BC, AC intersect the circles in F, E . FE produced meets BA produced in G . Shew that as GA is to GK , so is CF to CE , and so also is GH to GB .

91. ABC is a triangle inscribed in a circle, and perpendiculars are drawn from any point in the circumference to the sides of the triangle. Prove that the points in which they meet the sides are in one straight line.

92. An isosceles triangle has one of its equal sides a mean proportional between two sides of another triangle. If these two sides include the same angle as the vertical angle of the isosceles triangle, shew that the triangles are equal.

93. Two triangles ABC, BCD , have the side BC common, the angles at B equal, and the angles ACB, BDC right angles. Shew that the triangle ABC is to the triangle BCD as AB is to BD .

94. Given the straight line which is drawn from the vertex of an equilateral triangle to a point of trisection of the base, find the side of the triangle.

95. Straight lines being drawn from the angular points A, B, C , of a triangle through any the same point, so as to cut the opposite sides respectively in a, b, c , shew that the rectangle Ab, Bc is to the rectangle Ac, Ba as Cb is to Ca .

96. $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle, and its diagonals intersect in F . Shew that the rectangle AF, FD is to the rectangle BF, FC as the square on AD is to the square on BC .

97. $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral figure whose opposite angles are not supplemental; the circle described about ABD cuts DC in E , and the circle described about BCE cuts AE in F . Shew that the triangle ABF is equiangular to the triangle BCD , and the triangle BCF to the triangle ABD .

98. ACB is a triangle whereof the side AC is produced to D until CD is equal to AC ; and BD is joined: shew that if any line drawn parallel to AB cuts the sides AC and CB , and from the points of section lines be drawn parallel to DB , these will meet AB in points equidistant from its extremities.

99. A and B are fixed points, and AC, BD are perpendiculars on CD , a given straight line: the straight lines AD, BC , intersect in E , and EF is drawn perpendicular to CD . Show that EF bisects the angle AFB .

100. If O be the centre of a circle circumscribed about the triangle ABC , obtuse-angled at C , and if on OC as diameter a circle be described meeting AB in D and E , then either CD or CE shall be a mean proportional between the segments into which they respectively divide AB .

101. The exterior angle CBD of the triangle ABC is bisected by the line BE , which cuts the base produced in E . Shew that the square on BE , together with the rectangle AB, BC , is equal to the rectangle AE, EC .

102. $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle; BA, CD , are produced to meet in P , and AD, BC , are produced to meet in Q . Prove that PC is to PB as QA is to QB .

Also, shew that half the sum of the angles at P and Q is equal to the complement of the opposite angle ABC of the quadrilateral figure.

103. Having given the vertical angle, and the ratio of the sides containing it, and also the diameter of the circumscribing circle, construct the triangle.

104. From the centre of a given circle draw a straight line to meet a given tangent to the circle, so that the segment of the line between the circle and the tangent shall be any required part of the tangent.

105. Find a point the distances of which from three given points not in the same straight line are proportional to p , q , r respectively, the four points being in the same plane.

106. AB is the diameter of a circle, D any point in the circumference, and C the middle point of the arc AD . If AC , AD , BC , be joined, and AD cut BC in E , the circle described about the triangle AEB will touch AC , and its diameter will be a third proportional to BC and AB .

107. From a given point A a variable straight line is drawn, meeting a fixed straight line in P , and a point Q is taken on it so that the rectangle AP , AQ is constant. Find the locus of Q .

*108. On a given base describe a rectangle, which shall be equal to the difference of the squares on two given straight lines, any two of the three given lines being together greater than the third.

109. If the exterior angles of a triangle be bisected by straight lines, forming another triangle, shew that the two triangles cannot be similar, unless they be each equilateral.

110. If ABC , $A'B'C'$ be similar triangles, and $AB = A'C'$, shew the areas of the triangles are as AC to $A'B'$.

111. The alternate angles of a regular hexagon are joined: shew that the area of the hexagon formed by the intersections of the joining lines is one-third of the original hexagon.

112. A triangle is divided by a straight line parallel to the base into two parts, the areas of which are as 1 to 8: how does the straight line divide the sides?

113. The line AD is divided into three equal parts in the points B and C ; a circle is described with B as centre and BA as radius, and any circle cutting this is described with D as centre. Shew that if a chord to both the circles be drawn

from A , through one of the points of intersection, it will be bisected by this point.

114. ABC is an acute-angled triangle, E and F are the middle points of the sides AB and AC . Shew that a line drawn from E , equal to EA , to meet the base, and another from F , equal to FA , also to meet it, will intersect the base at the same point.

Hence explain how, by folding a piece of paper such as the triangle ABC , it may be shewn that the three angles of a triangle are equal to two right angles.

115. If ABC , ADE be two equal triangles having the angles BAC , DAE equal, and if they be placed so that BA , AE are in a straight line, as also CA and AD ; and if BC , DE be produced to meet in F , prove that FA will bisect CE and also BD .

116. Within a circle, whose diameter is AB , another circle is inscribed, touching the outer circle in A , and passing through its centre O . From a point N , in AB , a line NQP is drawn perpendicular to AB , meeting the inner circle in Q , and the outer circle in P , AN being equal to one-sixth of AB . Prove that the duplicate ratio of NQ to NP is equal to the ratio of 2 to 5.

117. Describe a square, which shall be equal to the sum of a given square and a given rectangle, a side of the given square being greater than half the difference of the two sides containing the rectangle.

BOOK XI.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

IN Book I. Def. 7., it is laid down that a Plane Surface is one in which, if any two points be taken, the straight line between them lies wholly in that surface.

This definition should be extended by the addition of the following words, *and if the straight line be produced, every point in the part produced will lie in the plane.*

Euclid professes to prove this in the first Proposition of Book XI., which is thus enunciated : "one part of a straight line cannot be in a plane, and another part out of the plane."

But this has been assumed again and again in the proofs of earlier propositions ; thus, for example, we have called a circle a *plane figure*, and having drawn any radius to a circle we have assumed that the radius, produced within the circumference, will meet the circumference.

From the extended definition of a Plane Surface it follows that a straight line, which meets a plane, must either lie entirely in that plane, or meet it in *one* point only ; for if it met the plane in *two* points, it would lie entirely in the plane.

The Definitions given at the commencement of Book XI. relate partly to Plane Surfaces and partly to Solid Figures. By a slight change in the order in which they stand in the Greek text, we obtain the advantage of arranging them in accordance with this twofold division.

DEFINITIONS.

Relating to Plane Surfaces.

I. A Plane Surface is one in which, if any two points be taken, the straight line between them lies wholly in that surface ; and if the straight line be produced, every point in the part produced will lie in the plane.

II. When a straight line is at right angles to *every* straight line in a plane which meets it, it is said to be perpendicular to the plane.

Note.— It will be shown in Prop. iv. that when a straight line is at right angles to each of two other straight lines in a plane, which meet it, it is at right angles to every other straight line in the plane which meets it.

III. A plane is perpendicular to a plane, when the straight lines, drawn in one of the planes perpendicular to the common section of the two planes, are perpendicular to the other plane.

IV. The inclination of a straight line to a plane is the acute angle, contained by that straight line and another, drawn from the point at which the first line meets the plane, to the point at which a perpendicular to the plane, drawn from any point of the first line above the plane, meets the same plane.

V. The inclination of a plane to a plane is the acute angle, contained by two straight lines, drawn from any the same point of their common section, at right angles to it, one in one plane, and the other in the other plane.

VI. Two planes are said to have the same inclination to one another, which two other planes have, when the said angles of inclination are equal to one another.

VII. Parallel planes are such as do not meet one another though produced.

Relating to Solid Figures.

VIII. A Solid is that which has length, breadth, and thickness.

IX. That which bounds a solid is a superficies.

X. A Solid Angle is that, which is made by the meeting of more than two plane angles, which are not in the same plane, at one point.

Definitions I. to X. are all that are required in the part of Book XI. included in this work. Those which follow are necessary to the explanation of some of the terms, which will be found in the Exercises and Examination Papers.

XI. Similar solid figures are such, as have all their solid angles equal, each to each, and are contained by the same number of similar planes.

XII. A Pyramid is a solid figure, contained by planes, which are constructed between one plane and one point above it, at which they meet.

XIII. A Prism is a solid figure, contained by plane figures, of which two that are opposite are equal, similar, and parallel to one another ; and the others are parallelograms.

• **XIV.** A Sphere is a solid figure, described by the revolution of a semicircle about its diameter, which remains fixed.

XV. The Axis of a Sphere is the fixed straight line, about which the semicircle revolves.

XVI. The Centre of a Sphere is the same with that of the semicircle.

XVII. The Diameter of a Sphere is any straight line, which passes through the centre, and is terminated both ways by the superficies of the sphere.

XVIII. A Cone is a solid figure, described by the revolution of a right-angled triangle about one of the sides containing the right angle, which side remains fixed. If the fixed side be equal to the other side containing the right angle, the cone is called a right-angled cone ; if it be less than the other side, an obtuse-angled cone ; and if greater, an acute-angled cone.

XIX. The Axis of a Cone is the fixed straight line, about which the triangle revolves.

XX. The Base of a Cone is the circle, described by that side, containing the right angle, which revolves.

XXI. A Cylinder is a solid figure, described by the revolution of a rectangle about one of its sides, which remains fixed.

XXII. The Axis of a Cylinder is the fixed straight line about which the rectangle revolves.

XXIII. The Bases of a Cylinder are the circles, described by the two revolving opposite sides of the rectangle.

XXIV. Similar cones and cylinders are those which have their axes and the diameters of their bases proportionals.

XXV. A Cube is a solid figure, contained by six equal squares.

XXVI. A Tetrahedron is a solid figure, contained by four equal and equilateral triangles.

XXVII. An Octahedron is a solid figure, contained by eight equal and equilateral triangles.

XXVIII. A Dodecahedron is a solid figure, contained by twelve equal pentagons, which are equilateral and equiangular.

XXIX. An Icosahedron is a solid figure, contained by twenty equal and equilateral triangles.

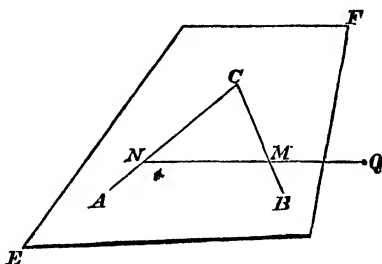
XXX. A Parallelepiped is a solid figure, contained by six quadrilateral figures, of which every opposite two are parallel.

POSTULATE.

Let it be granted that a plane may be made to pass through any given straight line.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM. (Eucl. XI. 2.)

If two straight lines meet one another, a plane can be drawn to contain both; and every plane containing both must coincide with the aforesaid plane.



Let the two st. lines AC , BC meet in C .

Then a plane can be drawn to contain AC and BC .

Let any plane EF be drawn to contain AC , Post.

and let EF be turned about AC till it pass through B .

Then $\therefore B$ and C are points in the plane EF ,

$\therefore BC$ lies in the plane EF . XI. Def. 1.

Also, any plane containing AC and BC must coincide with EF .

For let Q be any point in a plane containing AC and BC .

Draw QMN in this plane to cut BC , AC in M and N .

Then $\therefore M$ and N are points in the plane EF ,

$\therefore Q$ is a point in the plane EF . XI. Def. 1.

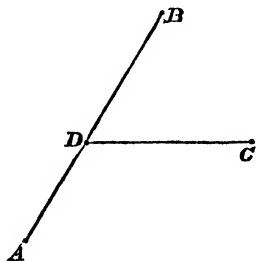
Similarly, any point in a plane containing AC , BC must lie in EF ;

and \therefore any plane containing AC , BC must coincide with EF .

Q. E. D.

COR. I. *Hence it follows that a plane is completely determined by the condition that it passes through two intersecting straight lines.*

COR. II. *A straight line and a point without the line determine a plane.*



Let AB be a straight line, and C a point without AB .

Draw the st. line CD to any point D in AB .

Then one plane can be drawn to contain AB and CD . XI. 1.

\therefore one..... AB and C .

Again, any plane containing AB must contain D ,

\therefore any plane containing AB and C must contain CD also.*

But there is only one plane that can contain AB and CD ,

\therefore there is only one plane AB and C .

Hence the plane is completely determined.

COR. III. *Three points, not in the same straight line, determine a plane.*

For let A, B, C be three such points (fig. Cor. 2).

Draw the straight line AB .

Then a plane, which contains A, B and C , must contain AB and C ,

and a plane, which contains AB and C , must contain A, B, C .

Now AB and C are contained by one plane, and one only,

Cor. 2.

$\therefore A, B, C$ are contained by one plane, and one only.

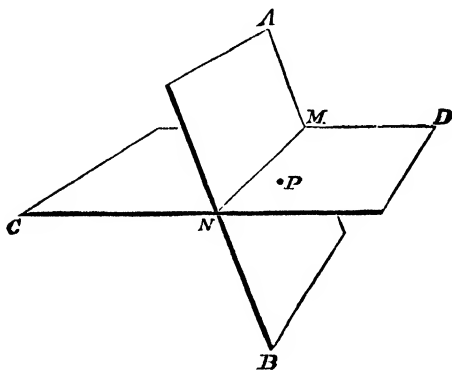
Hence the plane is completely determined.

COR. IV. *Two parallel lines determine a plane.*

For, by the definition of parallel lines, the two lines are in the same plane, and as only one plane can be drawn to contain one of the lines and any point in the other line, it follows that only one plane can be drawn to contain both lines.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM. (Eucl. xi. 3.)

If two planes cut one another, their common section must be a straight line.



Let AB and CD be two planes that cut one another.

Then must their common section be a straight line.

Let M and N be two points common to both planes.

Draw the straight line MN .

Then $\because M$ and N are common to both planes,

\therefore the st. line MN lies in both planes. XI. Def. 1.

And no point, out of this line, can be common to both planes.

For, if it be possible, let P be such a point.

But there can be but *one* plane common to the point P and the st. line MN . XI. 1, Cor. 2.

$\therefore P$ is not common to *both* planes.

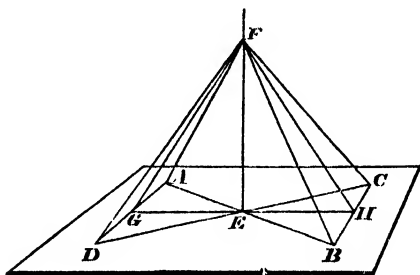
Hence every point in the common section of the planes lies in the straight line MN .

Q. E. D.

Note.—The Propositions which follow are numbered as in Euclid.

PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM.

If a straight line stand at right angles to each of two straight lines, at the point of their intersection, it must also be at right angles to the plane that passes through them.



Let the st. line EF be \perp to each of the st. lines AB , CD , at E , the pt. of their intersection.

Then must EF be \perp to the plane passing through AB , CD .

Make AE , EB , CE , ED , all equal to one another, and through E , draw, in the plane in which AB , CD are, any st. line GEH , and join AD , CB .

Take any pt. F , in EF , and join FA , FG , FI , FC , FH , FB .

Then in $\triangle s$ AED , BEC ,

$$\therefore AE = BE, \text{ and } DE = CE, \text{ and } \angle AED = \angle BEC, \text{ I. 15.}$$

$$\therefore AD = BC, \text{ and } \angle DAE = \angle CBE, \quad \text{I. 4.}$$

Then in $\triangle s$ AEG , BEH ,

$$\therefore \angle AEG = \angle BEH, \text{ and } \angle GAE = \angle HBE, \text{ and } AE = BE,$$

$$\therefore GE = HE, \text{ and } AG = BH. \quad \text{I. B. p. 17}$$

Then in $\triangle s$ AEF , BEF ,

$$\therefore AE = BE, \text{ and } EF \text{ is common, and rt. } \angle AEF = \text{rt. } \angle BEF,$$

$$\therefore AF = BF. \quad \text{I. 4.}$$

So also, $CF = DF$

Then in $\triangle s ADF, BCF$,

$\therefore AD = BC$, and $AF = BF$, and $DF = CF$

$\therefore \angle DAF = \angle CBF$.

I. c. p. 18.

Again, in $\triangle s AFG, BFH$,

$\therefore AF = BF$, and $AG = BH$, and $\angle FAG = \angle FBH$,

$\therefore FG = FH$.

I. 4.

Then in $\triangle s FEG, FEH$,

$\therefore GE = HE$, and EF is common, and $FG = FH$,

$\therefore \angle FEG = \angle FEH$.

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$\therefore EF$ is \perp to GH .

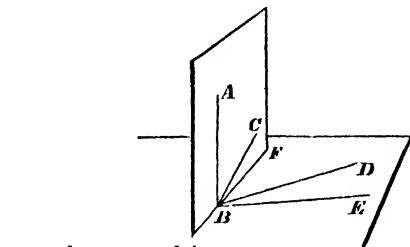
In like manner it may be shown that EF is \perp to every st line which meets it in the plane passing through AB, CD .

$\therefore EF$ is \perp to the plane, in which AB, CD are. XI. Def. 2

Q. E. D

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM.

If three straight lines meet all at one point, and a straight line stand at right angles to each of them at that point, the three straight lines must be in one and the same plane.



Let the st. line AB be \perp to each of the st. lines BC , BD , BE , at B , the pt. where they meet.

Then must BC , BD , BE be in one and the same plane.

If not, let BD , BE be in one plane, and BC without it, and let a plane, passing through AB , BC , cut the plane, in which BD and BE are, in the st. line BF . XI. 2.

Then AB , BC , BF are all in one plane.

And $\therefore AB$ is \perp to BD and BE ,

$\therefore AB$ is \perp to the plane in which BD and BE are, XI. 4.

and $\therefore AB$ is \perp to BF , a st. line in that plane. XI. Def. 2.

Thus $\angle ABF$ is a rt. \angle ,

and $\angle ABC$ is a rt. \angle ;

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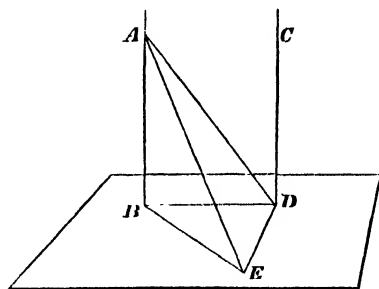
$$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle ABF,$$

the less = the greater, which is impossible.

$\therefore BC$ is not without the plane, in which BD , BE are,
and $\therefore BC$, BD , BE are in one and the same plane.

PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM.

If two straight lines be at right angles to the same plane, they must be parallel to one another.



Let the st. lines AB , CD be \perp to the same plane.

Then must AB be \parallel to CD .

Let AB , CD meet the plane in the pts. B , D .

Join BD , and draw $DE \perp$ to BD , in the same plane. I. 11

Make $DE = AB$, and join BE , AE , AD .

Then $\therefore AB$ is \perp to the plane,

$\therefore AB$ is \perp to BD and BE ,

XI. Def. 2.

and \therefore each of the \angle s ABD , ABE is a rt. \angle .

So also, each of the \angle s CDB , CDE is a rt. \angle .

Then, in \triangle s ABD , EDB ,

$\therefore AB = ED$, and BD is common, and rt. $\angle ABD =$ rt. $\angle EDB$.

$\therefore DA = BE$.

I. 4.

Again, in \triangle s ABE , EDA ,

$\therefore AB = ED$, and $BE = DA$, and AE is common,

$\therefore \angle ABE = \angle EDA$.

I. c.

But $\angle ABE$ is a rt. \angle ;

$\therefore \angle EDA$ is a rt. \angle ,

and $\therefore ED$ is \perp to AD .

Thus ED is \perp to BD , AD , CD , at the pt. where they meet,

and $\therefore BD$, AD , CD are all in one plane. XI. 5.

But AB is in the plane, in which BD and AD are; XI. 1.

and $\therefore AB$, BD , CD are all in one plane.

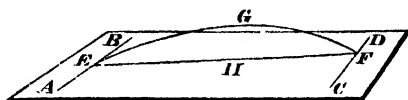
Then \therefore each of the \angle s ABD , CDB is a rt. \angle ,

$\therefore AB$ is \parallel to CD .

I. 28.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM.

If two straight lines be parallel, the straight line drawn from any point in the one to any point in the other, is in the same plane with the parallels.



Let AB and CD be parallel straight lines.

Take any pts. E , F in AB and CD .

Then must the st. line joining E and F be in the same plane as AB , CD .

If not, let it be without the plane, as EGF .

In the plane $ABCD$, in which the parallels are,
draw the st. line EHF from E to F .

Then the two st. lines EGF , EHF enclose a space,
which is impossible. I. Post. 5.

\therefore the st. line joining E and F cannot be out of the plane,
in which the parallels AB , CD are.

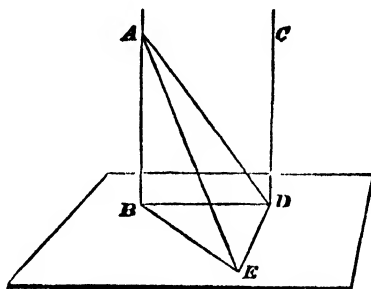
\therefore it is in that plane.

Q. E. D.

Note.—We have proved this Proposition as Cor. iv. to Prop. i.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM.

If two straight lines be parallel, and one of them be at right angles to a plane, the other must be at right angles to the same plane.



Let AB, CD be two \parallel st. lines,
and let one of them, AB , be \perp to a plane.

Then must CD be \perp to the same plane.

Let AB, CD meet the plane in the pts. B, D ; and join BD ;
then AB, BD, CD are all in one plane. XI. 7.

In the plane, to which AB is \perp , draw $DE \perp$ to BD ,
make $DE = AB$, and join BE, AE, AD .

Then $\because AB$ is \perp to the plane,

\therefore each of the \angle s ABD, ABE is a rt. \angle ; XI. Def. 2.

and $\because BD$ meets the \parallel st. lines AB, CD ,

$\therefore \angle$ s ABD, CDB together = two rt. \angle s, I. 29.

and $\therefore \angle CDB$ is a rt. \angle , and CD is \perp to BD .

Then in the Δ s ABD, EDB ,

$\therefore AB = ED$, and BD is common, and rt. $\angle ABD =$ rt. $\angle EDB$.

$\therefore AD = EB$. I. 4.

Then in Δ s ABE, EDA ,

$\because AB = ED$, and AE is common, and $EB = AD$.

$\therefore \angle ABE = \angle EDA$; I. c.

and $\therefore \angle EDA$ is a rt. \angle .

Hence ED is \perp to DA , and it is also \perp to BD , by constr.,

$\therefore ED$ is \perp to the plane in which DA, BD are, XI. 4.

and $\therefore ED$ is \perp to DC , which is in that plane. XI. Def. 2

Hence CD is \perp to DE .

Now CD is \perp to DB .

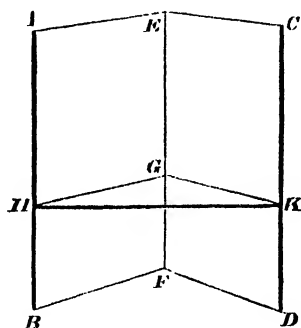
$\therefore CD$ is \perp to the plane passing through DE, DB . XI. 4.

$\therefore CD$ is \perp to the plane to which AB is \perp .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM.

Two straight lines, which are each of them parallel to the same straight line, and not in the same plane with it, are parallel to one another.



Let AB, CD be each of them \parallel to EF ,

and not in the same plane with it.

Then must AB be \parallel to CD .

In EF take any pt. G .

From G draw, in the plane $ABEF$, $GH \perp$ to EF ,

and, in the plane $CDEF$, $GK \perp$ to EF . I. 11.

Then $\therefore EF$ is \perp to GH and GK ,

$\therefore EF$ is \perp to the plane HGK ; XI. 4.

and $\therefore EF$ is \parallel to AB ,

$\therefore AB$ is \perp to the plane HGK . XI. 8.

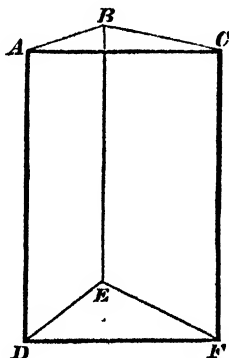
So also CD is \perp to the plane HGK . XI. 8.

$\therefore AB$ is \parallel to CD . XI. 6.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION X. THEOREM.

If two straight lines meeting one another be parallel to two others, that meet one another, and are not in the same plane with the first two, the first two and the other two must contain equal angles.



Let the two st. lines AB, BC , meeting at B in the plane ABC , be \parallel to the st. lines DE, EF , meeting at E in the plane DEF .

Then must $\angle ABC = \angle DEF$.

Make $BA = ED$, and $BC = EF$, I. 3.

and join AD, BE, CF, AC, DF .

Then $\because AB$ is $=$ and \parallel to DE ,

$\therefore AD$ is $=$ and \parallel to BE . I. 33.

So also, CF is $=$ and \parallel to BE .

$\therefore AD$ is $=$ and \parallel to CF , Ax. 1 and XI. 9.

and $\therefore AC$ is $=$ and \parallel to DF . I. 33.

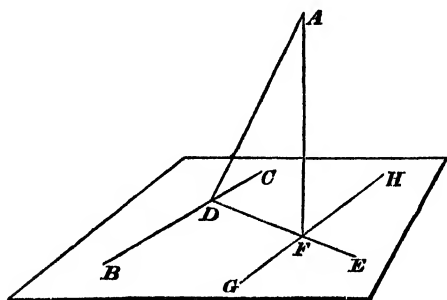
Then in $\triangle s\ ABC, DEF$

$\because AB = DE$, and $BC = EF$, and $AC = DF$,

$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle DEF$. I. c.

PROPOSITION XI. PROBLEM.

To draw a straight line perpendicular to a given plane, from a given point without it.



Let A be the given pt. without the plane BH .

It is required to draw from A a st. line \perp to the plane BH .

In the plane, draw any st. line BC ,

and from A draw $AD \perp$ to BC .

I. 12.

Then if AD be \perp to the plane, what was required is done.

If not, from D draw, in the plane BH , $DE \perp$ to BC .

I. 11.

and from A draw $AF \perp$ to DE :

I. 12.

AF will be \perp to the plane BH .

Through F , draw $GH \parallel$ to BC .

I. 31.

Then $\because BC$ is \perp to both AD and DE ,

$\therefore BC$ is \perp to the plane AFD ;

XI. 4.

and GH is \parallel to BC ,

$\therefore GH$ is \perp to the plane AFD .

XI. 8.

Hence GH is \perp to the line AF in that plane; XI. Def. 2.

and $\therefore AF$ is \perp to GH .

Also, AF is \perp to DE , by construction;

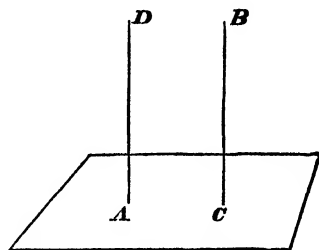
$\therefore AF$ is \perp to the plane passing through GH, DE , XI. 4.

that is, AF is \perp to the plane BH .

Thus from A a line AF is drawn \perp to the plane BH .

PROPOSITION XII. PROBLEM.

To erect a straight line at right angles to a given plane, from a given point in the plane.



Let A be the given pt. in the given plane.

It is required to erect a st. line from $A \perp$ to the plane.

From any pt. B , without the plane, draw $BC \perp$ to it, XI. 11.

and from A draw $AD \parallel$ to BC .

I. 31.

Then $\because AD, BC$ are two \parallel st. lines,

of which BC is \perp to the given plane,

$\therefore AD$ is \perp to the plane,

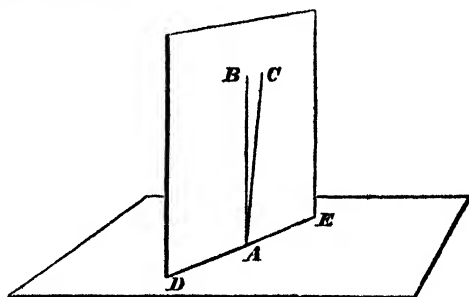
XI. 8.

and a line has been erected from $A \perp$ to the plane.

Q. E. F.

PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM.

From the same point in a given plane, there cannot be two straight lines at right angles to the plane, on the same side of it; and there can be but one perpendicular to a plane from a point without the plane.



If it be possible, let two st. lines AB , AC , be at rt. \angle s to a given plane, from the same pt. A in the plane, and upon the same side of it.

Let a plane pass through AB , AC : the common section of this with the given plane, is a st. line, passing through A . XI. 2.

Let DAE be the common section of the planes.

Then the st. lines AB , AC , DAE are in one plane.

And $\because CA$ is at rt. \angle s to the given plane,

$\therefore CA$ is at rt. \angle s to every st. line that meets it in that plane, XI. Def. 2.

and DAE , which is in that plane, meets it;

$\therefore \angle CAE$ is a rt. \angle .

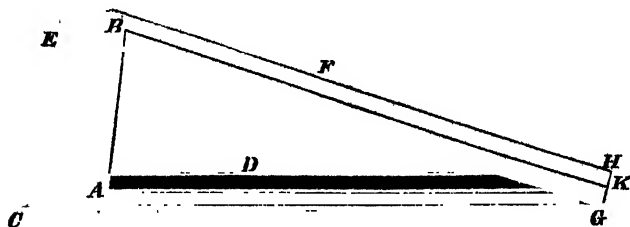
So also, $\angle BAE$ is a rt. \angle .

$\therefore \angle CAE = \angle BAE$, in the same plane; which is impossible.

Also, from a pt., without a plane, there can be but one perpendicular to that plane; for if there could be two, they would be parallel to one another; which is impossible, XI. 6.

PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM.

Planes, to which the same straight line is perpendicular, are parallel to one another.



Let the st. line AB be \perp to each of the planes CD, EF .

Then must CD be parallel to EF

If not, let them meet, and let the st. line GH be their common section.

In GH take any pt. K , and join AK, BK

Then $\therefore AB$ is \perp to the plane EF ,

$\therefore AB$ is \perp to BK , a st. line in that plane, XI. Def. 2.

and $\angle ABK$ is a rt. \angle .

So also, $\angle BAK$ is a rt. \angle .

Hence two \angle s of the $\triangle ABK$ are together = two rt. \angle s;
which is impossible. I. 17

\therefore the planes CD, EF do not meet when produced,

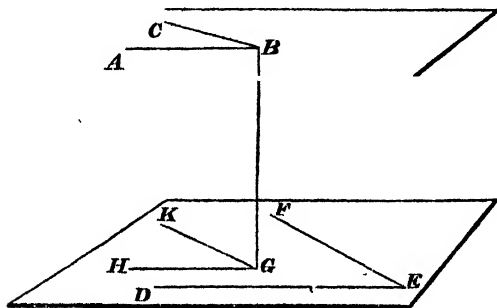
and $\therefore CD$ is \parallel to EF ,

XI. Def. 7.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM.

If two straight lines, meeting one another, be parallel to two other straight lines, which meet one another, but are not in the same plane with the first two; the plane, which passes through these, must be parallel to the plane passing through the others.



Let AB, BC , two st. lines meeting one another, be \parallel to DE, EF , which meet one another, but are not in the same plane with AB, BC .

Then must the plane AC be \parallel to the plane DF .

From B draw $BG \perp$ to the plane DF , meeting it in G . XI. 11.

Through G draw $GH \parallel$ to ED , and $GK \parallel$ to EF . I. 31.

Then $\therefore BG$ is \perp to the plane DF ,

$\therefore BG$ is \perp to GH and GK , lines in that plane,

XI. Def. 2.

and \therefore each of the \angle s BGH, BGK is a rt. \angle .

Again $\therefore BA$ and GH are both \parallel to ED ,

$\therefore BA$ is \parallel to GH ,

XI. 9.

and $\therefore \angle$ s GBA, BGH together = two rt. \angle s.

I. 29.

But $\angle BGH$ is a rt. \angle .

$\therefore \angle GBA$ is a rt. \angle .

Hence GB is \perp to BA ;

and GB is \perp to BC , for the same reason;

$\therefore GB$ is \perp to the plane AC .

XI. 4.

Also, GB is \perp to the plane DF ;

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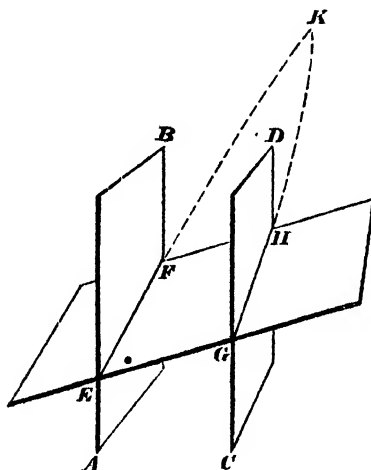
\therefore the plane AC is \parallel to the plane DF .

XI. 14.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM.

If two parallel planes be cut by another plane, their common sections with it are parallel.



Let the parallel planes AB , CD be cut by the plane $EFHG$, and let their common sections with it be EF , GH .

Then must EF be \parallel to GH .

If they be not \parallel , let them meet in K .

Then $\because EF$ is in the plane AB ,

$\therefore K$ is a point in the plane AB .

XI. Def. 1.

So also, K is a point in the plane CD .

XI. Def. 1.

\therefore the planes AB , CD meet, if produced.

But they do not meet, for they are parallel.

$\therefore EF$ and GH do not meet, when produced.

And EF , GH are in the same plane $EFHG$.

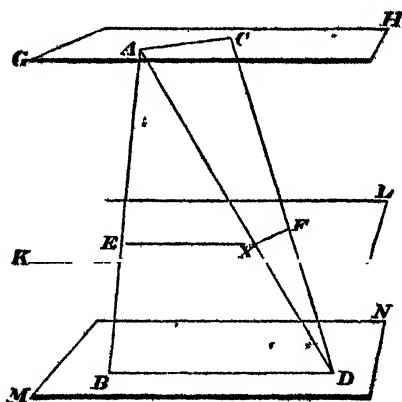
$\therefore EF$ is \parallel to GH .

I. Def. 26.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM.

If two straight lines be cut by parallel planes, they must be cut in the same ratio.



Let the st. lines AB , CD be cut by the \parallel planes GH , KL , MN in the pts. A , E , B , C , F , D .

Then must AE be to EB as CF is to FD .

Join AC , BD , AD .

Let AD meet the plane KL in the pt. X ; and join EX , XF .
Then \because the \parallel planes KL , MN , are cut by the plane $EBDX$,
 $\therefore EX$ is \parallel to BD . XI. 16.

And \because the \parallel planes GH , KL , are cut by the plane $AXFC$,
 $\therefore XF$ is \parallel to AC . XI. 16.

Now $\because EX$ is \parallel to BD , a side of $\triangle ABD$,

$\therefore AE$ is to EB as AX is to XD ; VI. 2

and $\because XF$ is \parallel to AC , a side of $\triangle ADC$,

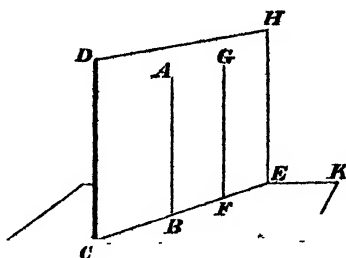
$\therefore AX$ is to XD as CF is to FD . VI. 2.

Hence AE is to EB as CF is to FD . V. 5.

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM

If a straight line be at right angles to a plane, every plane, which passes through it, must be at right angles to that plane.



Let the st. line AB be \perp to the plane CK .

Then must every plane passing through AB be \perp to the plane CK .

Let any plane DE pass through AB , and let CE be the common section of the planes DE , CK .

Take any pt. F in CE .

In the plane DE draw $FG \perp$ to CE . I. 11.

Then $\because AB$ is \perp to the plane CK

$\therefore AB$ is \perp to CE , a st. line in that plane ; XI. Def. 2.

and $\therefore \angle ABF$ is a rt. \angle .

Now $\angle GFB$ is a rt. \angle , by construction ;

$\therefore FG$ is \parallel to AB . I. 28.

And AB is \perp to the plane CK ,

$\therefore FG$ is \perp to the plane CK . XI. 8.

Then $\because FG$, a st. line in the plane DE , drawn \perp to CE , the common section of DE and CK , is \perp to CK ,

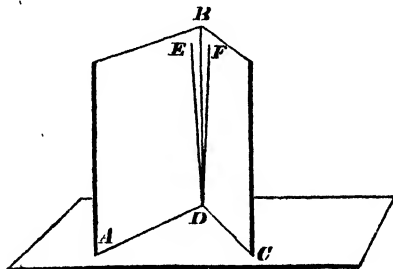
\therefore the plane DE is \perp to the plane CK . XI. Def. 3.

So it may be proved that all planes, which pass through AB , are \perp to the plane CK .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM.

If two planes, which cut one another, be each of them perpendicular to a third plane. their common section must be perpendicular to the same plane.



Let the two planes AB , BC be each \perp to a third plane, and let BD be the common section of AB and BC .

Then must BD be \perp to the third plane.

If it be not, draw, in the plane AB , the st. line $DE \perp$ to AD , the common section of AB with the third plane ; I. 11.

and draw, in the plane BC , the st. line $DF \perp$ to DC , the common section of BC with the third plane. I. 11.

Then \because the plane AB is \perp to the third plane,
and DE is drawn in the plane $AB \perp$ to the common section,
 $\therefore DE$ is \perp to the third plane. XI. Def. 3.

So also, DF is \perp to the third plane.

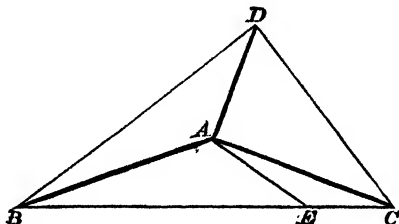
Hence, from the pt. D , two st. lines are drawn \perp to the third plane, and on the same side of it ; which is impossible. XI. 13.

\therefore no other line but BD can be \perp to the third plane at D ;

$\therefore BD$ is \perp to the third plane.

PROPOSITION XX, THEOREM.

If a solid angle be contained by three plane angles, any two of them must be together greater than the third.



Let the solid \angle at A be contained by the three plane \angle s BAC , CAD , DAB .

Any two of these must be together greater than the third.

If the \angle s BAC , CAD , DAB , be all equal, any two of them are together greater than the third.

If they are not equal, let BAC be that \angle , which is not less than either of the other two, and is greater than one of them, DAB .

At A , in the plane passing through AB , AC , make $\angle BAE = \angle DAB$, I. 23.

and make $AE = AD$, and through E draw the st. line BEC , cutting AB , AC , in the pts. B , C ; and join DB , DC .

Then in \triangle s ABD , ABE ,

$\therefore AD = AE$, and AB is common, and $\angle BAD = \angle BAE$,

$\therefore DB = BE$. I. 4.

Then $\therefore DB$, DC together are greater than BC , I. 20.

and $DB = BE$, a part of BC ,

$\therefore DC$ is greater than EC .

Then in \triangle s ADC , AEC ,

$\therefore AD = AE$, and AC is common, and DC greater than EC ,

$\therefore \angle DAC$ is greater than $\angle EAC$. I. 25.

Also, by construction, $\angle DAB = \angle BAE$,

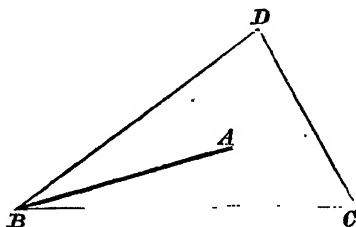
$\therefore \angle$ s DAC , DAB together are greater than \angle s BAE , EAC together;

that is, \angle s DAC , DAB together are greater than $\angle BAC$.

Again, $\angle BAC$ is not less than either of the \angle s DAC , DAB , and $\therefore \angle BAC$ with either of them is greater than the other.

PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM.

Every solid angle is contained by plane angles, which are together less than four right angles.



First, let the solid \angle at A be contained by three plane \angle s BAC , CAD , DAB .

These shall be together less than four right angles.

Take, in each of the st. lines AB , AC , AD , any points B , C , D , and join BC , CD , DB .

Then \therefore the solid \angle at B is contained by the three plane \angle s CBA , ABD , DBC ,

$\therefore \angle$ s CBA , ABD are together greater than $\angle DBC$. XI. 20.

So also, \angle s BCA , ACD are together greater than $\angle BCD$,

and \angle s CDA , ADB are together greater than $\angle CDB$.

\therefore the six \angle s CBA , ABD , BCA , ACD , CDA , ADB are together greater than the three \angle s DBC , BCD , CDB , and are \therefore together greater than two rt. \angle s.

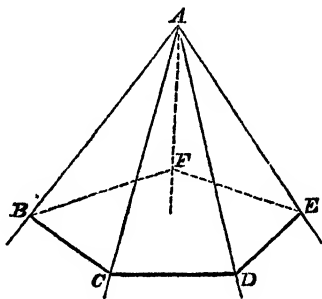
Again, \therefore the three \angle s of each of the Δ s ABC , ACD , ADB are together equal to two rt. \angle s, I. 32.

\therefore the nine \angle s CBA , BAC , ACB , ACD , CDA , DAC , ADB , DBA , BAD are together equal to six rt. \angle s; and of these the six \angle s CBA , ACB , ACD , CDA , ADB , DBA , have been proved to be together greater than two rt. \angle s,

and \therefore the three \angle s BAC , CAD , DAB , which contain the solid \angle at A , are together less than four rt. \angle s.

NEXT, let the solid \angle at A be contained by any number of plane \angle s BAC, CAD, DAE, EAF, FAB .

These must be together less than four rt. \angle s.



Let the planes, in which the \angle s are, be cut by a plane, and let the common sections of it with those planes be BC, CD, DE, EF, FB .

Then \therefore the solid \angle at B is contained by the three plane \angle s CBA, ABF, FBC , of which any two are together greater than the third, XI. 20.

$\therefore \angle$ s CBA, ABF are together greater than $\angle FBC$.

So also, the two plane \angle s at each of the pts. C, D, E, F , which are at the bases of the Δ s having the common vertex A , are together greater than the third \angle at the same pt., which is one of the \angle s of the polygon $BCDEF$.

\therefore all the \angle s at the bases of the Δ s are together greater than all the \angle s of the polygon.

Now all the \angle s of the Δ s together = twice as many rt. \angle s as there are Δ s, that is, as there are sides in the polygon $BCDEF$: I. 32.

and all the \angle s of the polygon, together with four rt. \angle s, together = twice as many rt. \angle s as there are sides in the polygon. I. 32. Cor. 1

\therefore all the \angle s of the Δ s together = all the \angle s of the polygon together with four rt. \angle s.

But all the \angle s at the bases of the Δ s have been proved to be together greater than all the \angle s of the polygon;

\therefore all the \angle s at the vertex A are together less than four rt. \angle s.

Miscellaneous Exercises on Book XI.

1. If two straight lines in one plane, be equally inclined to another plane, they will be equally inclined to the common section of the two planes.

2. Two planes intersect at right angles in the line AB ; from a point C in this line are drawn CE and CF in one of the planes, so that the angle ACE is equal to BCF . Shew that CE and CF will make equal angles with any line through C in the other plane.

3. ABC is a triangle; the perpendiculars from A, B , on the opposite sides, meet in D , and through D is drawn a straight line, perpendicular to the plane of the triangle; if E be any point in this line, shew that EA, BC ; EB, CA ; and EC, AB ; are respectively perpendicular to each other.

4. A number of planes have a common line of intersection: what is the locus of the feet of perpendiculars on them from a given point?

5. Two perpendiculars are let fall from any point on two given planes: shew that the angle between the perpendiculars will be equal to the angle of inclination of the planes to one another.

6. If perpendiculars $AF, A'F'$, be drawn to a plane from two points A, A' , above it, and a plane be drawn through A perpendicular to AA' , its line of intersection with the given plane is perpendicular to FF' .

7. Prove that equal straight lines drawn from a given point to a plane are equally inclined to the plane.

8. Prove that the inclination of a plane to a plane is equal to the angle between the perpendiculars to the two planes.

9. From a point above a plane two straight lines are drawn, the one at right angles to the plane, the other at right angles

to a given line in that plane : shew that the straight line joining the feet of the perpendiculars is at right angles to the given line.

10. In how many ways may a solid angle be formed with equilateral triangles and squares ?

11. Two planes are inclined to each other at a given angle. Cut them by a third plane, so that its intersections with the given planes shall be perpendicular to each other.

12. AB , AC , AD , are three given straight lines, at right angles to one another. AE is drawn perpendicular to CD , and BE is joined. Shew that BE is perpendicular to CD .

13. Two walls meet at any angle. Shew how to draw on their surfaces the shortest line joining a point on one to a point on the other.

14. Straight lines are drawn from two points to meet each other in a given plane. Find when their sum is the least possible.

15. If two parallel planes be cut by a third plane in the straight lines AB , ab , and by a fourth plane in the straight lines AC , ac respectively, the angle BAC will be equal to the angle bac .

16. If four points be so situated, that the distance between each pair is equal to the distance between the other pair, prove that the angles subtended at any one point by each pair of the others are together equal to two right angles.

17. Give a geometrical construction for drawing a straight line, which shall be equally inclined to three straight lines, meeting at a point.

18. A triangular pyramid stands on an equilateral base. The angles at its vertex are right angles. The square on the perpendicular from the vertex on the base is one-third of the square on either of the edges.

19. If one of the plane angles, forming a solid angle, be a right angle, and the sum of the other two be equal to two right angles, and a plane be drawn, cutting off equal lengths from the two edges, containing the right angle, the sum of the squares on the three straight lines, subtending the plane angles, will be double of the squares on the three edges, containing them.

20. If P be a point in a plane, which meets the containing edges of a solid angle in A, B, C , and O be the angular point, shew that the angles POA, POB, POC are together greater than half the angles AOB, BOC, COA , together.

BOOK XII.

LEMMA.

If from the greater of two unequal magnitudes of the same kind there be taken more than its half, and from the remainder more than its half, and so on, there must at length remain a magnitude less than the smaller of the proposed magnitudes.

Let A and B be two unequal magnitudes of the same kind, of which A is the greater.

Then if from A there be taken more than its half, and from the remainder more than its half, and so on; there must at length remain a magnitude less than B .

Take a multiple of B , as mB , greater than A ; and divide A , by the process indicated, taking from it a magnitude greater than its half, and from the remainder a magnitude greater than its half, and carry this process on till there are m divisions, and call the parts successively taken away

$C, D, E, F \dots\dots\dots Z$

Now $mB = B, B, B \dots\dots\dots$ repeated m times, and A is greater than the sum of $C, D, E, \dots Z \dots m$ in number.

Then Z , the last remainder, must be less than B .

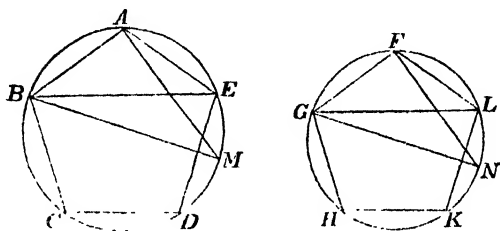
For if not, since each of the preceding remainders is greater than Z , each of them would be greater than B , and the sum of $C, D, \dots\dots\dots Z$ would therefore be greater than mB ; that is, A would be greater than mB , which is contrary to the hypothesis.

$\therefore Z$ is less than B .

Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM.

Similar polygons inscribed in circles are to one another as the squares on the diameters of the circles.



Let $ABCDE$, $FGHLK$ be similar polygons inscribed in two \odot s, and let BM and GN be diameters of the \odot s.

*Then must polygon $ABCDE$ be to polygon $FGHLK$
as sq. on BM is to sq. on GN .*

Join AM , BE ; FN , GL .

Then $\triangle BAE$ is equiangular to $\triangle GFL$. VI. 21.

$\therefore \angle AEB = \angle FLG$.

But $\angle AMB = \angle AEB$, in the same segment, III. 21.

and $\angle FNG = \angle FLG$, in the same segment,

$\therefore \angle AMB = \angle FNG$.

also, $\angle BAM = \angle GFN$, each being a rt. \angle , III. 31.

$\therefore \triangle ABM$ is equiangular to $\triangle FGN$,

$\therefore AB$ is to BM as FG is to GN , VI. 4.

and $\therefore AB$ is to FG as BM is to GN . V. 15.

\therefore the duplicate ratio of AB to FG = the duplicate ratio of BM to GN . V. 21.

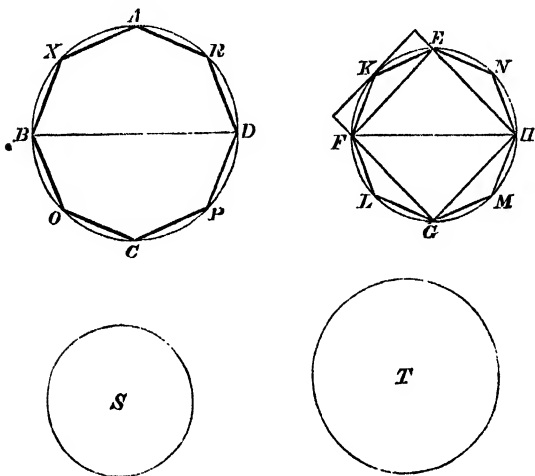
But polygon $ABCDE$ has to polygon $FGHLK$ the duplicate ratio of AB to FG . VI. 21.

And sq. on BM has to sq. on GN the duplicate ratio of BM to GN . VI. 21.

\therefore polygon $ABCDE$ is to polygon $FGHLK$ as sq. on BM is to sq. on GN . V. 5.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM.

Circles are to one another as the squares on their diameters.



Let $ABCD$, $EFGH$ be two \odot s, and BD , FH their diameters :

Then must $\odot ABCD$ be to $\odot EFGH$ as sq. on BD is to sq. on FH .

For, if not, sq. on BD must be to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to some space either less than $\odot EFGH$, or greater than it.

First, if possible, let it be as $\odot ABCD$ is to a space S less than $\odot EFGH$.

In $\odot EFGH$ describe the square $EFGH$. IV. 6.

This square is greater than half of the $\odot EFGH$.

For the sq. $EFGH$ is half of the square, which can be formed by drawing straight lines to touch the circle at the points E , F , G , H ; and the square thus formed is greater than the \odot ;

\therefore sq. $EFGH$ is greater than half of the \odot .

Bisect the arcs EF , FG , GH , HE at the pts. K , L , M , N , and join EK , KF , FL , LG , GM , MH , HN , NE .

Then each of the Δ s EKF , FLG , GMH , HNE , is greater than half of the segment of the circle in which it stands.

For ΔEKF = half of the \square , formed by drawing a st. line to touch the \odot at K , and parallel st. lines through E and F ; and the \square thus formed is greater than the segment FEK ;

$\therefore \Delta EKF$ is greater than half of the segment FEK , and similarly for the other Δ s.

\therefore sum of all these triangles is greater than half of the sum of the segments of the \odot , in which they stand.

Next, bisect EK , KF , etc., and form Δ s as before.

Then the sum of these Δ s is greater than half of the sum of the segments of the \odot , in which they stand.

If this process be continued, and the Δ s be supposed to be taken away, there will at length remain segments of \odot s, which are together less than the excess of the \odot $EFGH$ above the space S , by the Lemma.

Let segments EK , KF , FL , LG , GM , MH , HN , NE be those which remain, and which are together less than the excess of the \odot of the above S .

Then the rest of the \odot , i.e. the polygon $EKFLGMHN$, is greater than S .

In $\odot ABCD$ inscribe the polygon $AXBOCPDR$ similar to the polygon $EKFLGMHN$.

The polygon $AXBOCPDR$ is to polygon $EKFLGMHN$ as sq. on BD is to sq. on FH , XII. 1.

that is, as $\odot ABCD$ is to the space S . Hyp. and V. 5.

But the polygon $AXBOCPDR$ is less than $\odot ABCD$,

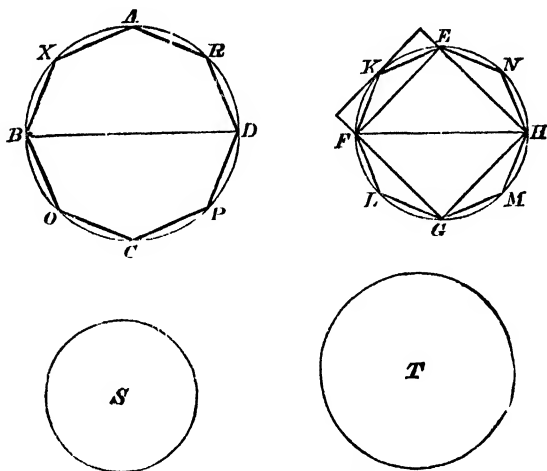
\therefore the polygon $EKFLGMHN$ is less than the space S ; V. 14. but it is also greater, which is impossible;

\therefore sq. on BD is not to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to any space less than $\odot EFGH$.

In the same way it may be shown that

sq. on FH is not to sq. on BD as $\odot EFGH$ is to any space less than $\odot ABCD$.

Nor is sq. on BD to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to any space greater than $\odot EFGH$.



For, if possible, let it be as $\odot ABCD$ is to a space T , greater than $\odot EFGH$.

Then, inversely, sq. on FH is to sq. on BD as space T is to $\odot ABCD$.

But as space T is to $\odot ABCD$ so is $\odot EFGH$ to some space, which must be less than $\odot ABCD$, because space T is greater than $\odot EFGH$. V. 14.

\therefore sq. on FH is to sq. on BD as $\odot EFGH$ is to some space less than $\odot ABCD$; which has been shewn to be impossible.

\therefore sq. on BD is not to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to any space greater than $\odot EFGH$.

And it has been shown that

sq. on BD is not to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to any space less than $\odot EFGH$.

\therefore sq. on BD is to sq. on FH as $\odot ABCD$ is to $\odot EFGH$.

Q. E. D

*Papers on Euclid (Books VI., XI., and XII.) set in the
Cambridge Mathematical Tripos.*

1849. VI. 4. Apply this proposition to prove that the rectangle, contained by the segments of any chord, passing through a given point within a circle, is constant.
- XI. 11. Prove that equal right lines, drawn from a given point to a given plane, are equally inclined to the plane.
1850. VI. 10. AB is a diameter, and P any point in the circumference of a circle; AP and BP are joined and produced, if necessary; if from any point C of AB a perpendicular be drawn to AB , meeting AP and BP in points D and E respectively, and the circumference of the circle in a point F , shew that CD is a third proportional to CE and CF .
1851. VI. 3. If A, B, C be three points in a straight line, and D a point, at which AB and BC subtend equal angles, show that the locus of the point D is a circle.
- XI. 8. From a point E draw EC, ED perpendicular to two planes CAB, DAB , which intersect in AB , and from D draw DF perpendicular to the plane CAB , meeting it in F : shew that the line, joining the points C and F , produced if necessary, is perpendicular to AB .
1852. VI. 2. If two triangles be on equal bases, and between the same parallels, any line, parallel to their bases, will cut off equal areas from the two triangles.

1852. XI. 11. $ABCD$ is a regular tetrahedron, and, from the vertex A , a perpendicular is drawn to the base BCD , meeting it in O : shew that three times the square on AO is equal to twice the square on AB .
1853. VI. 6. If the vertical angle C , of a triangle ABC , be bisected by a line, which meets the base in D , and is produced to a point E , such that the rectangle, contained by CD and CE , is equal to the rectangle, contained by AC and CB : shew that if the base and vertical angle be given, the position of E is invariable.
- XI. 21. If BCD be the common base of two pyramids, whose vertices A and A' lie in a plane passing through BC , and if the two lines AB , AC , be respectively perpendicular to the faces $BA'D$, $CA'D$, prove that one of the angles at A , together with the angles at A' , make up four right angles.
1854. VI. 16. EA , EA' are diameters of two circles, touching each other externally at E ; a chord AB of the former circle, when produced, touches the latter at C' , while a chord $A'B'$ of the latter touches the former at C : prove that the rectangle, contained by AB and $A'B'$, is four times as great as that contained by BC' and $B'C$.
- XI. 20. Within the area of a given triangle is described a triangle, the sides of which are parallel to those of the given one: prove that the sum of the angles, subtended by the sides of the interior triangle, at any point, not in the plane of the triangles, is less than the sum of the angles, subtended at the same point by the sides of the exterior triangle.
1855. VI. 2. A tangent to a circle, at the point A , intersects two parallel tangents in B , C , the points of

contact of which with the circle are D, E , respectively: shew that if BE, CD , intersect in F , AF is parallel to the tangents BD, CE .

1855. XI. 16. From the extremities of the two parallel straight lines AB, CD , parallel lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd , are drawn, meeting a plane in a, b, c, d : prove that AB is to CD as ab is to cd , taking the case, in which A, B, C, D are on the same side of the plane.
1856. VI. Def. 1. Enunciate the propositions, which prove that in the case of triangles the conditions of similarity are not independent.
- XI. 11. Shew that the perpendicular, dropped from the vertex of a regular tetrahedron upon the opposite base, is treble of that dropped from its own foot upon any of the other bases.
1857. VI. 19. Any two straight lines, BB', CC' , drawn parallel to the base DD' , of a triangle ADD' , cut AD in B, C , and AD' in B', C' ; $BC, B'C'$, are joined. prove that the area ABC' or $AB'C$ varies as the rectangle, contained by BB', CC' .
- XI. 16. A triangular pyramid stands on an equilateral base, and the angles at the vertex are right angles: shew that the sum of the perpendiculars on the faces, from any point of the base, is constant.
1858. VI. 15. Find a point in the side of a triangle, from which two lines, drawn one to the opposite angle, and the other parallel to the base, shall cut off, towards the vertex and towards the base, equal triangles.
- XI. 11. Two planes intersect: shew that the loci of the points, from which perpendiculars on the planes are equal to a given straight line, are straight lines; and that four planes may be

drawn, each passing through two of these lines, such that the perpendiculars, from any point in the line of intersection of the given planes, upon any one of the four planes, shall be equal to the given line.

1859. vi. 31. Shew that, on a given straight line, there may be described as many polygons of different magnitudes, similar to a given polygon, as there are sides of different lengths in the polygon.

xi. 20. Three straight lines, not in the same plane, intersect in a point, and through their point of intersection another straight line is drawn within the solid angle formed by them : prove that the angles, which this straight line makes with the first three, are together less than the sum, but greater than half the sum of the angles which the first three make with each other.

1860. vi. A. If the two sides, containing the angle, through which the bisecting line is drawn, be equal, interpret the result of the proposition.

Prove from this proposition and the preceding, that the straight lines, bisecting one angle of a triangle internally, and the other two externally, pass through the same point.

xi. 17. If three straight lines, which do not all lie in one plane, be cut in the same ratio by three planes, two of which are parallel, shew that the third will be parallel to the other two, if its intersections with the three straight lines are not all in one straight line.

1861. vi. 6. From the angular points of a parallelogram $ABCD$, perpendiculars are drawn on the diagonals, meeting them in E, F, G, H re-

spectively ; prove that $EFGH$ is a parallelogram similar to $ABCD$.

1861. XI. 12. Shew that the shortest distance between two opposite edges of a regular tetrahedron is equal to half the diagonal of the square, described on an edge.
1862. VI. 1. Lines are drawn from two of the angular points of a triangle, to divide the opposite sides in a given ratio ; prove that the line, joining the third angular point with the point of intersection of these two lines, either bisects the opposite side, or divides it in a ratio which is the duplicate of the given ratio.
- XI. 21. If four points be so situated that the distance between each pair is equal to the distance between the other pair, prove that the angles subtended at any one of these points by each pair of the others, are together equal to two right angles.
1863. VI. 4. The internal angles at the base of a triangle, and the external angle at the vertex, are bisected by straight lines ; prove that the three points, in which these straight lines meet the opposite sides respectively, lie on one straight line.
- XI. 17. If each edge of a tetrahedron be equal to the opposite edge, the straight line, joining the middle points of any two opposite edges, shall be at right angles to each of those edges.
1864. VI. 23. If one parallelogram have to another parallelogram the ratio, which is compounded of the ratios of their sides, the parallelograms shall be equiangular.
- XI. 12. On a given equilateral triangle describe a regular tetrahedron.

1865. VI. 19. The opposite sides BA , CD of a quadrilateral $ABCD$, which can be inscribed in a circle, meet, when produced, in E ; F is the point of intersection of the diagonals, and EF meets AD in G : prove that the rectangle EA , AB is to the rectangle ED , DC as AG is to GD .
- XI. 16. In the triangular pyramid $ABCD$, AB is at right angles to CD , and AC to BD : prove that AD is at right angles to BC .
1866. VI. 4. ABC is an isosceles triangle; AE is the perpendicular from A on the base BC ; D is any point in AE ; and CD produced meets the side AB at F : shew that the ratio of AD to DE is double of the ratio of AF to FB .
- XII. 1. Give an outline of Euclid's demonstration that circles are to one another as the squares on their diameters.
1867. VI. A. Each acute angle of a right-angled triangle and its corresponding exterior angle are bisected by straight lines meeting the opposite sides; prove that the rectangle, contained by the portions of those sides intercepted between the bisecting lines is four times the square on the hypotenuse.
- XI. 21. Two pyramids are described, the one standing on a square as a base, the other on a regular octagon, the vertex of each being equally distant from the angular points of its base; if this distance be the same for each pyramid, and the perimeters of the bases be equal, prove that the plane angles, containing the solid angle at the vertex of the former, are together greater than the plane angles, containing the solid angle at the vertex of the latter.
1868. VI. 2. Without assuming any subsequent proposition, prove that the equiangular triangles in either

of the figures of this proposition, are to each other in the duplicate ratio of the sides opposite to the equal angles.

1868. XI. 11. Of the least angles, which a given line in one plane makes with any line in another plane, the greatest for different positions of the given line is that which measures the inclination of the two planes.
1869. XI. 20. If O be a point, within a tetrahedron $ABCD$, prove that the three angles of the solid angle, subtended by BCD at O , are together greater than the three angles of the solid angle at A .
1870. VI. 15. Two straight lines are given in position, and a third straight line is drawn so as to cut off a triangle equal to a given triangle; through the middle point of this third side is drawn a straight line in a given direction, terminated by the two given straight lines: prove that the rectangle under the segments of the intercepted part is constant.
- XI. 7. In a tetrahedron each edge is perpendicular to the direction of the opposite edge; prove that the straight line joining the centre of the sphere, circumscribing the tetrahedron, to the middle point of any edge, is equal and parallel to the straight line joining the centre of perpendiculars to the middle point of the opposite edge.
1871. VI. 2. ABC is a triangle, and lines AO , BO , CO cut the opposite sides in D , E , F ; if EF cut BC in G , prove that BD is to DC as BG is to GC .
- XI. 11. The perpendiculars from the angular points of a tetrahedron on the opposite faces meet in a point: prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for this is that the sums of the squares on pairs of opposite edges be equal.

1872. VI. 2. Draw through a point a straight line, so that the part of it intercepted between a given straight line and a given circle may be divided at the given point in a given ratio. Between what limits must the ratio lie in order that a solution may be possible?
- XI. 20. If the opposite edges of a tetrahedron be equal two and two, prove that the faces are acute-angled triangles. Prove also that a tetrahedron can be formed of any four equal and similar acute-angled triangles.

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